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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Branch Davidian: The market for infamous cars took a hit Saturday when the souped-up 1968 Chevrolet Camaro owned by Branch Davidian leader David Koresh sold at auction here for \$37,000, well below the \$80,000 the seller hoped the car would bring.

Donald Feldpausch, 64, of San Antonio bought the two-door hardtop on impulse. He hadn't even run a hand over the newly painted black exterior — much less looked under the hood where Koresh had engraved "DAVIDES 427 GO GOD!" on the 427 cubic-inch engine — before he joined the bidding.

The 500-horsepower Camaro — rebuilt by Koresh — was parked at the Davidian compound near Waco during a 51-day siege by federal agents in 1993. Koresh and nearly 80 followers died as the complex burned to the ground.

War on terrorism

Afghan prison torture: Three Americans convicted last week of torturing Afghan citizens — including a New York cameraman — have been moved to another Afghan prison in an effort to better protect them, defense lawyers told The Fayetteville Observer.

Robert Fogelness, the lawyer for cameraman Ed Caraballo, said that the day before he left Afghanistan, Caraballo and Fayetteville resident Bill Bennett were living in a filthy, 6-by-8-foot cell with four suspected al-Qaida terrorists.

Caraballo, Bennett and Jonathan Keith Idema, a former Special Forces soldier from Fayetteville, were moved to a prison that has better security but is even more squalid, he said.

World

Japan, N. Korea hostage talks: Talks aimed at resolving a dispute over Japanese citizens abducted by North Korea decades ago ended Sunday with no progress, Japanese officials said.

Japan had hoped to get more information about 10 missing Japanese who were kidnapped in the 1970s and 1980s, apparently to train North Korean agents in Japanese language and culture.

Afghan violence: A roadside bomb exploded near a pickup truck carrying paramilitary troops in this Pakistani tribal town near the Afghan border Sunday, injuring two soldiers.



Driver's licenses veto: Religious leaders join activists angered by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's veto this week of a bill to allow undocumented immigrants to drive legally, during a protest on Friday in downtown Los Angeles. In the foreground are, second from left, Executive Director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles Angelica Salas, Our Lady of Angels' Father Arnold Abelardo, with megaphone, Gloria Saucedo of the Hermandad Mexicana, second from right, and Church of Epiphany Father Will Wauters, far right.

diets, officials said.

The bomb went off as the troops were patrolling in Rustam Bazaar in Wana, the main town in South Waziristan.

Somalia peace talks: A warlord who was the last major holdout in peace talks aimed at ending Somalia's 13-year-old civil war has stopped fighting in southern Somalia and asked to join the negotiations, a senior Kenyan government official said Sunday.

Mohamed Siad Hersi, better known as General Morgan, crossed into Kenya's eastern Garissa district Saturday and asked Kenyan authorities to allow him to rejoin peace talks in the capital, Nairobi, said Joseph Nyagah, Kenya's assistant regional co-operation minister.

Morgan walked out of the talks in March over a dispute regarding a transitional charter for Somalia.

Pinochet investigation: A Chilean judge questioned Gen. Augusto Pinochet on Saturday about the disappearance of leftist political opponents during his 1973-90 dictatorship, but cut the interrogation short because of the former leader's poor health.

Judge Juan Guzman, who indicted Pinochet in 2001 in a different human rights case that was blocked by Chile's Supreme Court, said he ended the session after about 30 minutes — instead of the planned one hour, and asked only six questions.

Guzman said he will have Pinochet examined by doctors before deciding on the next step in the legal process, which centers in the so-called "Operation Condor," a joint plan developed in the 1970s by the dictatorships then ruling several South American nations to suppress dissent.

North Korean missiles: A high North Korean official dismissed reports his government was preparing to test fire a long-range missile as "conjecture, rumor and speculation," Japanese news media said.

Japan said Thursday that it had intelligence North Korea might be preparing to test a missile capable of reaching almost anywhere in Japan, and its diplomats expressed concern to North Korean officials at meetings in New York and Beijing, the Chinese capital.

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U.S. troops defend legal prostitution

BY JESSICA INIGO

Stars and Stripes

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany — Troops stationed in Germany are seeing red over the Pentagon's proposal to add an anti-prostitution charge to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and it's not just the glow from the local red light district.

Unlike other overseas military installations across the world where sex trade and human trafficking runs rampant, in Germany, prostitution is legal. There are licensed brothels, called Eros Clubs, where working girls are able to rent their own rooms for the day. There are no madams.

Germany women choose prostitution as a profession and are taxed as regular workers, according to Frankfurt Web sites.

Many say proposed change to UCMJ unfair in Germany, where profession is regulated

"Where are we talking about?" asked Pfc. Marty Conyers of the 464th Replacement Detachment on Rhein-Main when asked if troops should be punished by one-year confinement and a dishonorable discharge if convicted for paying for sex. Conyers said the anti-prostitution law would be unfair to troops in Germany, because it is legal here.

Army Sgt. Adam Z. Pastor, who just arrived at the replacement detachment on Rhein-Main and is waiting to go to his next unit, agreed, saying the addition to the UCMJ would be "harsh."

"It would be different if it were some third-world country that had no jobs and no opportunity, and women were forced into it," Pastor said. "It's a little bit pushy to enforce that law here."

He added that if DOD officials were making the addition for safety reasons, they should think again. "Right off the bat, if it's an issue of safety, there are condoms and stuff like that that soldiers can use."

Spec. Tasha Smith added that the working women in Germany are regularly tested, so there should be nothing stopping troops from using Eros Centers if they choose to.

"It's a legal job, and if a girl wants to make money that way, she should be able to get her customers," Smith said.

Preventing troops from visiting red light districts is going to be difficult, according to Airman 1st Class Gerard Garcia.

"Normally, I don't go to those

places, but I don't think [the addition of an anti-prostitution charge to the UCMJ] is going to work," Garcia said.

"I think, psychologically, we have men who have been away from women and, of course, hormones have built up, especially in the single soldiers," Garcia said. "I don't know what's going to happen, but I know it's not going to work from a psychological point of view."

Not only that, but Conyers said troops should be able to spend their money how they choose.

"I've talked to soldiers who have gone to these places and it doesn't badly affect their military career or badly affect the prostitutes' career," Conyers said, adding, "Soldiers say this is [BS]."

Sgt. 1st Class Henry Mills is of the same mind, adding that the

proposed anti-prostitution article is a little too much control over troops' personal lives.

"Next, they're going to tell us we can't drink or only on the weekends," Mims said. "I think it's stupid."

Dana Molnar, the wife of an active-duty servicemember, says the DOD is silly to fret over where troops are getting it on in Germany.

"It seems like we can spend our time worrying about more important things," she said.

However, Airman Michelle Johnson, who is new to the military and just came into country, brings up a point on the legality of American troops paying for sex.

"I think that if it's illegal in the United States, that it should be illegal for U.S. military members," she said. "We shouldn't be able to do things here, like smoke weed, just because it's legal [where we live or visit]."

"Military members are supposed to do the same as people in the States."

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U.S. military flies sick S. Korean home

USFK, Pentagon approve student, mother to fly on KC-10 from California.

BY JOSEPH GORDONO

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — Thanks to a U.S. military medical flight from California and a special Pentagon dispensation, a critically ill South Korean student will be able to spend the Chusok holiday with his family in Seoul.

Late Saturday night, a specially equipped U.S. Air Force KC-10 Extender landed at K-16 Air Base, delivering Shin Hyong-jin and his mother back to South Korea.

Shin, 23, had fallen seriously ill after an accident while traveling to the United States, officials said.

For the past few weeks, Shin had been a patient at Rancho Spring Medical Center in Murietta, Calif.

Because of his condition — which included partial paralysis and complications from advanced muscular dystrophy — Shin could not take a commercial flight back to Seoul.

A private medical flight was prohibitively expensive, officials said, and the young man's condition began to worsen.

Then, about 10 days ago, South Korean legislator Yu Jae-gon, contacted by Shin's family, turned to the American military for help.

The lawmaker asked top U.S. military officials in South Korea if anything could do more to bring the young man home.

Officials from U.S. Forces Korea agreed to help and forwarded the request to the Pentagon, where the secretary of defense's office took it under consideration. USFK spokesman Kevin Krejcarek said Sunday.

After a review process, officials approved an emergency medical airlift and



DOUGLAS A. MITCHELL/Courtesy U.S. Forces Korea

Medical team members load Shin Hyong-jin onto a waiting ambulance after a U.S. military medical flight brought the critically ill student back to Seoul from California.

assigned a KC-10, normally used as an in-air refueler, to the job.

The flight took off from March Air Reserve Base near Riverside, Calif., with an eight-person Air Force air medical team.

Also aboard were Shin's mother, Lee Won-ok, and USFK commander Gen. Leon LaPorte, who was returning to Seoul from a congressional briefing in Washington, D.C., Krejcarek said.

"It's not common," Krejcarek said of the Pentagon-approved airlift.

Krejcarek could think of only one simi-

lar case in the Pacific, when a Japanese woman was transported from a Los Angeles hospital to Yokota Air Base a few years back.

Medical personnel and other family members met the flight carrying Shin when it landed at K-16 around 10:30 p.m., Krejcarek said.

Shin was taken by ambulance to Samsung Hospital in Seoul, officials said.

No word was available immediately Sunday on the young man's condition.

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'Lucky - again'

Typhoon Meari less severe than originally predicted for Okinawa

BY DAVID ALLEN

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Typhoon Meari spared Okinawa on Sunday, passing some 90 miles to the south.

The highest winds on Okinawa were clocked at 70 mph at 2:30 a.m. and again at 6:30 a.m. in Naha. The highest winds on Kadena Air Base were recorded at 40 mph at noon, according to the base's 18th Weather Flight. At one time Saturday, as the typhoon approached, forecasters had predicted the storm would churn directly over Okinawa, with winds gusting to 150 mph. But a high-pressure ridge moving east from China prevented Typhoon Meari — Korean for "echo" — from pushing far enough to the north to affect the island.

Weather forecasters continued casting a wary eye at the storm, which had just about stopped dead in its tracks some 90 miles to the south of Okinawa on Sunday afternoon. "It's slowed down considerably and is now expected to hang out for a while," said Tech Sgt. Michael Milton, a forecaster with the 18th Weather Flight. "We're watching it to make sure it doesn't make a U-turn and come back over us the way Typhoon Nari did in September 2001."

Once the high pressure ridge breaks down, Meari is expected to follow the more normal course for storms this time of year and make a right turn towards Kyushu, he said. "We were lucky — again," Milton said, comparing the storm to Typhoon Songda, which hit Okinawa on Labor Day weekend.

Typhoon Meari is expected to decrease in intensity once it begins to move to the northeast and interacts with dry air and colder sea temperatures, according to the Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

The storm center is expected to pass within 21 miles of Sasebo Wednesday afternoon, with winds gusting to 80 mph. Early Thursday the storm is forecast to pass within 31 miles of Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station with winds up to 65 mph.

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Iraqi official: Partial vote possible

Militants may affect certain areas of Iraq

BY SCHEHERAZADE FARAMARZI

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's deputy prime minister reiterated his government's commitment to hold elections in January, but conceded that voting might not be possible in all parts of the country.

Deputy Prime Minister for National Security Barham Saleh told The Associated Press that authorities are adamant that insurgents will not derail efforts to hold elections on time.

"Hypothetically, if you have a location in which the security situation is not conducive to holding elections ... then you end up with the question, 'Shall we delay or hold the entire process hostage to that particular district?'" he said during an interview late Saturday in his Baghdad office.

"That will be a bridge that we will have to cross when we come to it."

Saleh's comments come after Interior Minister Fayad Al-Lawi insisted that the vote will be held throughout the country and concern that some areas in Iraq may be inaccessible to voters due to the insurgency.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday and again Friday that if insurgents prevent Iraqis from voting in some areas, a partial vote would

Gen. Abizaid expects trouble before election

BY LAURA MECKLER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The top U.S. military commander for Iraq said Sunday he expected flawed elections and much violence ahead of the voting scheduled for January.

Gen. John Abizaid's assessment followed a week in which President Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Alawi spoke optimistically about the situation despite the beheadings of two more Americans and the deaths of dozens of people in car bombings.

On Friday, the military said four Marines died in separate incidents, adding to a toll that has topped 1,000 since the U.S.-led invasion.

Abizaid, commander of U.S. troops in the Middle East, said the elections will be carried out. But he warned that voting may not be possible in parts of Iraq where the violence is too intense.

"I don't think we'll ever achieve perfection and when we look for perfection in a combat zone we're going to be sadly disappointed," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

He spoke of a major offensive before the election, with U.S. and Iraqi forces doing "whatever's necessary to bring areas in Iraq under Iraqi control."

Secretary of State Colin Powell offered a road map to the coming offensive. He said the military likely will tackle the Sunni Triangle cities of Ramadidi and Samarra before attempting to restore order

in nearby Fallujah, which Powell called "the tough one."

"We don't like the situation in Fallujah," he said on CNN's "Late Edition."

The other ones, I think, are more manageable. Ramadidi and Samarra, I think we'll get those back under control, and then we'll have to deal with Fallujah," Powell said.

Also Sunday, Powell said the insurgency was getting worse as elections near.

"They are determined to disrupt the election. They do not want the Iraqi people to vote for their own leaders in a free, democratic election," he said on ABC's "This Week."

Powell said planning is under way for an Iraqi conference, possibly next month, of the world's leading industrialized nations and regional powers, including Iran and Syria.

"This was a way to reach out to Iraq's immediate neighbors and persuade them that this is the time to help Iraq, so that the region can become stable," Powell said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Including the Group of Eight powers, he said, "adds a little bit more oomph to the conference" and brings in nations that could contribute "more in the way of resources."

He said officials were aiming to hold the conference in October in Jordan or Egypt.

Meanwhile, the White House says it considered secretly backing pro-U.S. candidates in the upcoming Iraqi election, but decided against it even though President Bush's administration suspects other nations are working to influence the voting.

be better than none at all.

But Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage told Congress a day later that elections must be held throughout the country, including areas gripped by violence.

A surge of violence, kidnappings and beheadings, and the inability of U.S.-led forces to secure volatile parts of the country that

are controlled by insurgents, such as Fallujah, have raised doubt about the timing of the vote.

"This is about the constitution and any area that will hold out and create trouble and be being isolated and lose their voice," said Saleh, a Kurd and a former prime minister in the Kurdish province of Sulaymaniyah.

By way of example, he said there were doubts about holding the National Assembly before it opened in August.

He said 1,000 people converged on Baghdad to meet at the assembly, raising fears of terrorist attacks.

"We succeeded," he said. "We had a National Assembly come out of it which is part of the political process."

U.S. official: Fallujah airstrikes taking heavy toll on militants

BY JIM KRANE
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A month of U.S. airstrikes on rebel-held Fallujah has killed more than 100 suspected insurgents, taking a heavy toll on the terror network of Jordani Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, senior U.S. military officials said on Sunday.

The strikes have stopped attacks elsewhere in Iraq while settling old deadly feuds among insurgent groups holed up in the city center of Baghdad, said Air Force Brig. Gen. Erv Lessel, deputy operations director for U.S.-led forces here.

"We're confident that, through these strikes, we have been able to thwart many large-scale attacks and suicide bombings that were in the planning process," Lessel said in a briefing with reporters. "We've gotten some of its associates and emerging leadership in his organization."

The airstrikes have not, however, halted a record number of car bombings this month, mainly in Baghdad and nearby Sunni Muslim majority cities. With a twin car bombing outside an Iraqi national guard base that wounded U.S. and Iraqi troops Sunday, at

least 34 suicide car bombings have been launched in September.

U.S. and Iraqi officials regularly blame al-Zarqawi's network for the deadliest of the bombings plaguing Iraq. The Jordanian is also thought to lead the Tawhid and Jihad group that has claimed responsibility for abducting dozens of the 140 foreigners kidnapped in Iraq, and killing many of them, including two American civil engineers beheaded last week.

For the past few weeks, U.S. airstrikes have pounded suspected insurgent safe houses in Fallujah on an almost nightly basis.

Witnesses and hospital officials have disputed U.S. military accounts of the bombings, reporting that dozens of noncombatants, including women and children, have been killed or wounded in the strikes.

In Fallujah, a former colonel in the Iraqi army who identified himself as Abu Thar, a 45-year-old guerrilla leader, said the bombing raids were sending more recruits into the anti-U.S. resistance.

"They are saying they want to kill al-Zarqawi, but instead they are bombing innocent families," Abu Thar said. "Iraqis' hatred is

growing, which means the resistance is growing."

On Saturday night, U.S. warplanes, tanks and artillery leveled two buildings and a cluster of rebel-built fortifications in Fallujah. The U.S. military believed the buildings were the site of a meeting of members of al-Zarqawi's group. Doctors said "pregnanda" that the Zarqawi network is putting out."

Lessel and Army Brig. Gen. John DeFreitas, deputy director for military intelligence, did not rule out that civilians were being killed in the raids. But they said they suspect Fallujah-based hospital officials were overstating claims that women and children were being killed in each bombing.

"We've seen reports from the hospital about dead and wounded within 45 minutes of airstrikes," Lessel said, which he said "was too soon for victims to have been transported from the site of the attack. He also said wounded people shown on television could not have survived the airstrikes.

U.S. warplanes drop precision-guided munitions that can destroy a target house and leave neighboring homes intact, but civilians are killed if they are inside or too close to the buildings hit, Lessel said.

The success of the attacks can

Suspected militant killed

KARACHI, Pakistan — Paramilitary police killed a suspected top al-Qaida operative Sunday in a four-hour gunbattle during a raid on a house in southern Pakistan that led to the arrest of two other men, the information minister said.

Amjad Hussain Farooqi, who was wanted for his alleged role in the al-Qaida operative's slaying in Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl in 2002 and two assassination attempts against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf in December 2003.

Other intelligence officials said earlier that the raid was launched after police received a tip that Farooqi was hiding in the house.

Interior Minister Aftab Ahmed Khan Sherpao would not confirm any of the three men's identities, or say whether anyone had been killed. He said only that police arrested three Pakistani nationals who were suspected of involvement in terrorist activities inside the country.

"We can't confirm their identities yet," he told The Associated Press in Islamabad. He said the men were being interrogated by Pakistani law enforcement agencies.

Pakistan is a key ally of the United States in its war against international terrorism and has arrested more than 600 al-Qaida suspects, including several senior figures in Osama bin Laden's terrorist network. Many of them have been handed over to U.S. authorities.

The raid took place at a house in Nawabshah, a town about 125 miles northwest of Karachi, a southern port that is Pakistan's biggest city.

Local police official Ismail Jamal said two men who tried to flee were arrested and they were laid out in blindfolds by intelligence officials.

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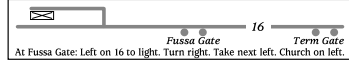
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IN THE WORLD

Terror in Russia: A wider threat?

Chechen rebels may be working with global extremists network

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The brutality and meticulous planning of the school hostage-taking and other recent terror attacks in Russia have focused new attention on the growing influence of Islamic extremists over Chechen rebels and raised suspicions of a global terror connection.

The conflict in Chechnya, which began a decade ago as a secular fight for independence from Moscow, has steadily evolved into what local and foreign militants have described as jihad, or "holy war" against Russia.

"Over time, a growing number of people in Chechnya have identified themselves with global jihad," said Alexei Malashenko, an expert with the Carnegie Endowment's Moscow office.

Fundamentalist Islamic groups have methodically recruited followers among Russia's 20 million Muslims since the 1990s, often driving mainstream Muslim clerics from their mosques in such Caucasus regions as Dagestan

and Kabardino-Balkaria, both near Chechnya.

"Extremist groups have turned many mosques into their headquarters," said Alexander Sharavin, the director of the Institute for Political and Military Analysis.

Along with radical Islamic doctrines, Arab fighters and instructors also have brought new tactics to Chechnya, such as suicide bombings. "They act as a catalyst and give an international dimension to these attacks ... as part of global jihad," Malashenko said.

Russian officials claimed that the 30-some militants who seized a school in the southern city of Beslan included Arabs, and President Vladimir Putin says international terrorism has unleashed a war against Russia. Many analysts believe foreign terror groups likely played a role in twin Russian plane bombings, a suicide attack near a Moscow subway station and the school seizure, which together killed more than 430 people.

"Al-Qaida and other international



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Masked police officers hold a man identified as Nurpashi Kulayev in Beslan, North Ossetia, in this TV image. Russian prosecutors charged the man with terrorism and murder in connection with the deadly hostage-taking at a school in Beslan, the Interfax news agency reported Sept. 14.

al terror groups view Russia as a part of Western civilization that must be broken and forced to its knees," said Sergei Arutyunov, an expert on the North Caucasus with Russia's Academy of Sciences.

Shamil Basayev, a Chechen warlord who claimed responsibility for the latest attacks, said his militants who seized the school included two Arabs, but he sought to downplay connections to global terror, including Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization.

In a letter posted recently on a

rebel Web site, Basayev claimed he had received less than \$20,000 in foreign donations this year. "I am not acquainted with bin Laden," Basayev wrote. "I don't receive money from him but would not refuse it."

Basayev, who gained notoriety for cruel attacks against civilians since a 1995 hostage-taking raid on a hospital in southern Russia, was declared a threat to the United States last year by the U.S. State Department, which pointed to his alleged al-Qaida links.

Bomb threat forces N.Y.-bound airliner to land in London

The Associated Press

LONDON — A bomb threat that mentioned Iraq forced a New York-bound Greek airliner to make an emergency landing Sunday at London's Stansted Airport escorted by military jets, authorities said.

An airport spokeswoman said an Athens newspaper had received a bomb on board the Olympic Airlines plane.

"Flight 411 Olympic for America has a bomb for Iraq," a caller to the Ethnos daily said, according to a tape the newspaper made available to journalists. In a second call, a voice that sounded like a different person said, "Are you listening? Flight 411 Olympic for America, bomb. America will see. Six o'clock message for you."

Authorities immediately notified the pilot of the call, and he asked for a military escort.

Britain's Royal Air Force scrambled planes to assist the Airbus A340 airliner, the Ministry of Defense said. The plane, headed from Athens to John F. Kennedy International Airport, landed safely at Stansted, north of London, at 3:30 p.m., an airport spokeswoman said.

Olympic said in a statement that it learned of the threat about two hours earlier and notified the pilot immediately.

"It is not believed to be anything out of the ordinary at this stage," a Department of Transport spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

Taiwan defends weapons plan

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwan's premier said Saturday that a government plan to spend billions of dollars on U.S. weapons would help the island defend itself if rival China attacked, as thousands of protesters marched in the capital to denounce the deal. The government wants to buy \$18 billion worth of arms, including anti-missile systems, planes and diesel-electric submarines.

Israel kills Hamas operative in Syria

DAMASCUS, Syria — A car bomb killed a Hamas operative in Damascus on Sunday, and Israeli security officials acknowledged in Jerusalem that the Jewish state was involved.

Police at the scene of al-Zahraa district explosion were seen retrieving pieces of the body of Izz Eddine Subhi Sheikh Khalil, whose car exploded outside his home at 10:45 a.m.

Britain arrests terror suspects

LONDON — Anti-terrorist police have arrested four men in London, acting on information from a newspaper which claimed it had foiled a "dirty bomb" plot, officials said Saturday.

Police said the four men were held on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.

Iran opposing sanctions

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Sunday that the international community, not Iran, would suffer if Iran's nuclear dossier is referred to the U.S. Security Council.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi did not explain how the world would suffer, but he said Iran "has the capability to avoid problems" even if the Security Council addressed the issue. The council has the power to impose sanctions on Iran.

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BY DEBORAH HASTINGS

The Associated Press

HUTCHINSON ISLAND, Fla. — Hurricane Jeanne — the latest in a relentless parade of hurricanes to pound Florida — sliced across the state Sunday with howling wind and rain, turning streets into rivers, peeling off roofs and rocketing debris from earlier storms through the air.

At least five people died in the storm, which came ashore in the same area hit by Frances three weeks ago. More than 1.5 million homes and businesses were without power.

The devastating fourth punch to the state in just six weeks was an ordeal no state has endured since 1886, when Texas was the target. And the hurricane season still has two months to go.

"The last three weeks have been horrific," said mobile home park owner Joe Stawara. "And just when we start to turn the corner, it happens."

The hurricanes have prompted the largest relief effort in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's history, eclipsing responses for the 1994 earthquake in Northridge, Calif., and the 2001 terrorist attacks, director Michael Brown said.



Penny Scheltz clears out storm drains during flooding in North Palm Beach, Fla., on Sunday in the aftermath of Hurricane Jeanne.

"You're going to have some areas that have been hit once, twice and sometimes maybe three times," Brown said. "That's very frustrating. I know, for those who live in those communities."

Frances was larger, while Charley and Ivan were more powerful.

But Jeanne was bad enough, once again sending the Sunshine State into a state of emergency.

Rain blew sideways, light poles fell and some bridges from the mainland to the Atlantic coast's barrier islands were flooded and impassable. Houses, condominiums and other buildings lost roofs, and a deserted community center in Jensen Beach was destroyed.

Gov. Jeb Bush sought to reassure weary Floridians. "This will become a memory," he said. "This does come to an end, and when it does we can probably use the term 'normal' again."

Seawater submerged the bottom floor of condominiums in Hutchinson Island, where Josh Lumberson rode out the storm. The parking lot was under 5 feet of sand and water, and sand rose to the kitchen cabinets inside first-floor condos. The ocean, once 75 yards away, lapped at the foundation. "It sounded like the whole building was coming down," Lumberson said. "You could hear every metal screw coming out of the walls."

Record-setting season

The four hurricanes that have struck Florida this season matched the most to hit a single state since 1886, when Texas was battered four times.

The Florida storms: ■ Charley came ashore Aug. 13 with 145-mph winds at Charlotte Harbor, causing severe damage in southwest and central Florida.

■ Frances hit Labor Day weekend with 105-mph winds on the Atlantic coast near Stuart, stripping roofs, smashing

boats and damaging Kennedy Space Center.

■ Ivan raked the western Florida Panhandle on Sept. 16 after landing on the Alabama coast with 130-mph winds.

■ Jeanne made landfall late Saturday, again near Stuart, with 120-mph winds.

The storms have caused billions of dollars in combined damage and left more than 70 dead in Florida alone.

—The Associated Press

Jeanne made landfall as a Category 3 hurricane with winds of up to 120 mph just before midnight Saturday at Hutchinson Island, 35 miles north of West Palm Beach. Frances struck in almost the same spot.

Once inland, Jeanne's 400-mile diameter system trudged across the state, passing northeast of Tampa. It then headed toward the Panhandle, where some 80,000 people were still without electricity because of Ivan, which struck 10 days earlier.

The toll from the latest storm extended as far north as Daytona Beach and south to Miami, where one person was electrocuted after touching a downed power line.

Two people died when the SUV they were driving plunged into a lake beside the Sawgrass Expressway south of Boca Raton.

In St. Lucie County north of West Palm Beach, police rescued five families when the hurricane's eye passed over late Saturday, including a wheelchair-bound couple in their 90s whose mobile home collapsed around them, emergency operation spokeswoman Linette Trabulsi said.

Single-engine planes flipped over at Palm Beach International Airport.

More than 3,000 National Guard troops were also deployed to aid relief efforts.

By 2 p.m. EDT, Jeanne had weakened to a tropical storm with maximum sustained winds of 70 mph.

Jill Barton of The Associated Press in West Palm Beach contributed to this report.

NASA vs. hurricanes

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The third hurricane to hit NASA's spaceport in just over a month blew out more panels and left more gaping holes in the massive shuttle assembly building, but overall damage was not as severe as feared, a space agency official said Sunday.

"Where there's obviously some more damage, it doesn't look appreciably worse than it did," said NASA spokesman George Diller, part of a 206-member team barricaded inside the space center.

Hurricane Jeanne struck the space center — still recovering from Hurricanes Charley and Frances — with 79 mph wind, according to unofficial reports. It would have been more ferocious if the storm had come ashore just a little farther north.

All three space shuttles were reported safe in their hangars on Sunday. All space station construction building blocks awaiting launch to the orbiting outpost were also said to be fine.

Charley tore off about 40 of the 4-foot-by-16-foot exterior panels from the assembly building in mid-August, and Frances ripped away another 820 over Labor Day weekend. About 200 of those missing panels also lost the underlying insulation, leaving gaping holes in the southern side of the building.

From The Associated Press

Life in Haiti forges on after deadly tropical storm

BY AMY BRACKEN

The Associated Press

GONAIVES, Haiti — Amid the destruction from Tropical Storm Jeanne, which has killed at least 1,500 people, Haitians took time to groom themselves for Sunday Mass, braiding little girls' hair and even waxing shoes as church bells chimed to call people to prayer.

Other residents broke into a moving container truck and threw packets of water into the street, where children dodged other aid trucks to grab the precious lot.

"We don't have anything but we're doing our best," Joselyne Ashatus said in front of a classroom where she sleeps on the floor with eight other people. "After all this we have to be respectful and we have to thank God for saving us. So many people died," she said.

Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue said Saturday the storm killed at least 1,500. Officials earlier said 1,251 people were missing — many suspected washed out to sea or buried in debris in areas still inaccessible more than a week after the storm. Some 300,000 are homeless in Haiti's northwest provinces.

Latortue said Haiti's government is drawing up plans to evacuate some homeless victims from



A Brazilian U.N. soldier, center, runs as he tries to stop the looting of a truck with food to be distributed to victims of Hurricane Jeanne in Gonaives, Haiti, on Saturday.

Gonaives to a tent camp to allow a clearing of neighborhoods coated with contaminated sludge and debris. Gonaives is the Caribbean country's third-largest city with some 250,000 residents.

Sunday was sunny and bright, a blessing after thunderstorms Saturday drenched homeless victims who are living on sidewalks and on rooftops of flooded homes.

At the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Charles Borromeo, four people stood and prayed in the

back, unwilling to venture into a disaster zone of overturned pews and trash ankle-deep in mud.

With ordinary people looting aid trucks and street gangs mobbing relief workers and stealing food from the hands of people at aid centers, 140 Uruguayan soldiers were on their way to reinforce about 600 U.N. peacekeepers already in the hard-hit city, said Toussaint Kongo-Doudou, a spokesman for the U.N. mission.

A U.N. humanitarian relief coor-

dinator, Eric Moulesseine, said gangsters were mobbing relief workers and "there's nothing we can do." On Saturday, a 13-year-old boy was run over and killed when crowds swarmed an aid truck at the warehouse and the driver took off.

Argentine troops fired smoke grenades Friday when about 500 men, women and children tried to break into a schoolyard where CARE International was handing out grain and water to an orderly line of women.

Bush, Kerry worlds apart on foreign policy

BY JON SAWYER
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON — When President Bush and Sen. John Kerry agreed to make foreign policy the focus of their first debate, this Thursday in Miami, they underscored what is becoming increasingly apparent: America's role in the world — not domestic economic or social issues — will determine the November election.

But what precisely America's role should be, and where the visions of the candidates most sharply diverge, is far from clear in what they've said so far and in interviews with their senior foreign-policy advisers.

Last week's dueling speeches, Kerry's in New York and Philadelphia and Bush's before the United Nations, showed that each man intends to use Iraq to define his opponent, with Bush highlighting Kerry's wayward past statements and Kerry stressing the gap between Bush's rhetoric and what Kerry describes as rank incompetence.

When it comes to what should be next for Iraq, however, their prescriptions are remarkably similar. Both put the emphasis on attracting more international support, faster training of Iraqi security forces, faster reconstruction and, above all, insisting that the elections set for January take place on time.

The principal difference is that

Kerry claims Bush hasn't backed his talk with deeds and that he, if elected, would.

"The president of the United States speaks words that sound right," Rand Beers, Kerry's principal foreign policy adviser, said in a meeting with reporters Friday. "But he's the president, so he also has to implement the words — and he's not doing that. That's what Sen. Kerry is trying to draw attention to. The president has to do things, not just think about them."

Richard Falkenrath, a senior policy adviser in the Bush campaign, says the difference is in Kerry's focus on beginning to draw down the current total of 135,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, as soon as six months after his inauguration.

"He's emphasizing troop withdrawal at the same time as he's saying he can get other countries to commit more troops, and that doesn't make any sense," Falkenrath said in an interview Friday.

"It would be nice to bring the troops home. But the president's policy in Iraq is based on success, on standing by the Iraqi government. When that job is done, the troops will come home."

If the differences on prospective policy on Iraq appear limited, that is even more the case on a

wide range of front-line foreign policy issues that might surface at the Miami debate, from homeland security to trade with China.

Both candidates agree, most importantly, that terrorism is the greatest single threat facing the world. "The war on terror is as monumental a struggle as the Cold War," Kerry said Friday at Temple University. "Its outcome will determine whether we and our children live in freedom or in fear."

"All civilized nations are in this struggle together," Bush said in his speech at the United Nations. "And all must fight the murderers."

These are assessments with which most of the world agrees, however, judging from the parade of leaders who spoke during the opening sessions last week of the U.N. General Assembly.

At the assembly, speaker after speaker stressed the mounting challenge of poverty and disease, the lack of education and jobs, the growing gaps between rich and poor — and the failure of the richest nations, especially the United States, to meet pledges for a significant increase in development aid that were made two years ago.

Critics note that official U.S. development assistance two years later remains at 0.15 percent of gross domestic product — about \$15 billion, compared to \$450 billion on defense — despite the U.S. pledge at Monterrey to move toward the target aid goal of 0.7 percent.

Election '04 Debate schedule

Schedule of presidential and vice presidential debates:

Thursday, Sept. 30
(Presidential candidates)

- Where: University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla.
- Format: Seated at table
- Moderator: Jim Lehrer

Tuesday, Oct. 5

(Vice presidential candidates)

- Where: Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland
- Format: Seated at table
- Moderator: Gwen Ifill

Friday, Oct. 8

(Presidential candidates)

- Where: Washington University, St. Louis
- Format: Town hall
- Moderator: Charles Gibson

Wednesday, Oct. 13

(Presidential candidates)

- Where: Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz.
- Format: Seated at table
- Moderator: Bob Schieffer

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RNC mailings attack liberals on God, Bible

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican National Committee acknowledged this week that it distributed campaign literature in West Virginia and Arkansas warning voters that liberals want to ban the Bible.

When asked about the mailings on Sept. 17, RNC Chairman Ed Gillespie said he wasn't aware of the material and did not confirm that it was distributed by the Republicans. However, Gillespie said it "could be the work" of the party.

Party spokeswoman Christine Iverson said Friday the GOP already had acknowledged it was the source of the mass mailings.

The literature claims that "the liberal agenda includes removing 'under God' from the Pledge of Allegiance" and shows a Bible with the word "BANNED" across it.

It also shows a photo of a man, on his knees, placing a ring on the hand of another man with the word "ALLOWED," a reference to same-sex marriage.

The mailing tells people to "vote Republican to protect our families" and defeat the "liberal agenda."

Gender-based health movement looks beyond 'bikini medicine'

BY LINDSEY TANNER

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Beyond the sperm-and-egg basics taught in grade school science class, researchers are discovering that men and women are more

different than anyone realized.

It turns out that major illnesses like heart disease and lung cancer are influenced by gender, and that perhaps treatments for women ought to be slightly different from the approach used for men.

These discoveries are part of a quiet but revolutionary change in filtering U.S. medicine as a growing number of scientists realize there's more to women's health than just the anatomy that makes them female, and that the same diseases often affect men and women in different ways.

"Women are different than men, not only psychologically [but] physiologically, and I think we need to understand those differences," says Dr. Catherine DeAngelis, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

DeAngelis, who became the journal's first female editor in 1999, says she has made it a mission to publish only research in which data are broken down by sex, unless it involves a disease

that affects just men or women.

In recent months, two medical textbooks billed as the first devoted to gender differences in all areas of medicine, not just reproductive medicine, were published; a widely cited Journal of the AMA report re-emphasized the neglected fact that lung cancer, not breast cancer, is the No. 1 cancer killer among women; and the American Heart Association announced the first-ever heart disease prevention guidelines tailored specifically for women.

And this fall, the office of Surgeon General will issue its first-ever report on osteoporosis. The crippling bone-thinning disease disproportionately affects women, who lose the bone-protecting effects of estrogen at

menopause. The report will emphasize prevention — and that it's not just a woman's disease — 20 percent of patients are men, said Wanda Jones, director of the Office on Women's Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The gender-based medicine movement isn't an effort to diminish the importance of breast cancer, but is meant to emphasize that "we have more than one body part, folks. Up until now ... that awareness just hasn't been there," said Sherry Marts of the Society for Women's Health Research. That organization seeks to expand the definition of women's health beyond breast and reproductive health, what some call "bikini medicine."

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Ally in the radar screen

Army revisits past for help in future combat

By CAROL MORELLO
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In the middle of a cornfield in Maryland, a blimp glided in for a landing.

Eight men grabbed two long guide ropes that dragged them along, their heels dug in, until the blimp halted, hovering a foot off the ground. The sun momentarily glared as the airship's two propeller engines kicked up a swirl of dry corn husks.

The U.S. Army believes scenes such as the one that unfolded repeatedly over the past two days near Freeway Airport in Bowie, Md. might be as much about the future as a quaint re-enactment of a bygone time.

That is why the Army has leased a blimp from the nation's only airship manufacturer and outfitted it with sensors and cameras. Over the past week, the 178-foot-long lighter-than-air craft has been conducting test runs over the Washington area.

The tests are designed to determine how effective the electro-optical and infrared cameras are at detecting potentially threatening movements on the ground when attached to a blimp flying in the heat currents as it floats along



KATHERINE FREY/Washington Post

Guide ropes are pulled to help control a 178-foot-long blimp during recent test runs by the Army near the Freeway Airport in Bowie, Md.

1,000 feet in the air at 30 knots. The equipment already is used in Iraq and Afghanistan to identify enemy troop movement, but in combat zones it is attached to a static inflatable device that looks like a giant, blimp-shaped balloon.

The prospect that a helium-filled blimp is an idea whose time has come again is increasing, being considered by serious people charged with defending troops overseas and the nation's borders at home.

Among the interested agencies is the Department of Homeland Security. Unmanned drones are already used along the border with Mexico. The agency thinks blimps might be equally useful.

"We're doing a preliminary evaluation," said Chris Wells, an assistant chief with the Border Patrol. "Though it's old technology — airships have been around for a number of years — recent advances caused us to take a fresh look at it."

Aboard the blimp, Phillip Mix, an electronics technician with Crane Naval Service Warfare Center, sat before a television screen as the airship cruised above Route 50. The camera beamed images from 800 feet below — shopping malls, woods and meadows. Mix said that on a clear day, the cameras can discern objects from six to seven miles away.

Although the technology is

state-of-the-art, blimps have been used for military force protection for decades. During World War II, more than 150 blimps patrolled the East Coast on anti-submarine missions, escorting convoys out to sea.

From a blimp, it was possible to see a periscope in the ocean, said Norman Mayer, an Alexandria, Va., resident who is president of the Naval Airship Association.

"There was never a convoy lost while an airship was patrolling," Mayer said.

Fewer than 30 blimps are in use, and 19 of them were made by the American Blimp Corp. in Oregon, one of only a handful of companies making modern blimps. American Blimp makes three sizes of blimps, which sell for \$2 million to \$4 million each. Most are used during sporting events.

E. Judson Brandreth Jr., American Blimp's vice president for marketing, said the company is promoting the use of airships as airborne surveillance.

Many people wrongly assume blimps are vulnerable to bullets fired by, say, drug runners or terrorists. "We often discover bullet holes when the airships are brought to our hangar for maintenance," said Brandreth, citing the misconception that a bullet can bring down a blimp. "People shoot at them. Particularly in the country. We think it's kids, not urban warfare. We just patch it up and go."

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Understand your score

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — A credit score is an analysis of your past credit history. Your credit score is an analysis of your past credit history. Your credit score is an analysis of your past credit history.

Factors assessed include your payment record (late payments and penalty fees), your amount of debt, the length of time you've been using credit (a longer history is better), how often you've applied for new accounts, how and when you take on new debts and what kinds of debts you current-

ly carry (student loans, mortgage debts, credit-card debts, etc.).

Most of those surveyed didn't understand that lenders aren't the only ones to look at your credit score. "Your score is a measure of your financial responsibility," says Bodnar. People who might hire you, rent an apartment or house to you, sell you electric power or life insurance, among other goods or services, may also view your score to determine risk.

To help determine your credit score knowledge, visit www.consumersfed.org/score.

PAAAF promoting stamp collecting

BY VINCE LITTLE
Stars and Stripes

Pacific Air Force post offices are commemorating National Stamp Collecting Month with a variety of activities and promotions in October.

Founded in 1981 by the U.S. Postal Service as a way to introduce children ages 8-12 to the hobby, the program also is aimed at increasing awareness about the recreational benefits of stamp collecting among all age groups.

Promotions are planned at all PACAF installations and the command's postal operating locations in Bangkok, Thailand, and Australia, including Canberra, Melbourne and Alice Springs.

"We are providing the commemorative stamp stock from our office but are not mandating specific activities be conducted," said Chief Master Sgt. John Czumalowski, PACAF's chief of postal operations. "Activities will vary based on location, number of patrons served and the initiative and creativity of the postmaster."

"Some of our postmasters have year-round displays, while others may create a display to commemorate Stamp Collecting Month. Again, this varies by location."

A commemorative stamp is posted issued to honor a place, event or person, according to senior Master Sgt. Phillip Weaver, PACAF superintendent of postal operations. They typically feature presidents, congressional leaders, artists of every talent, historic locations and events.

The most popular commemorative stamp in U.S. history is the "Elvis" postage released in 1993. According to the U.S. Postal Service estimate, more than 124 million have been purchased and stored.

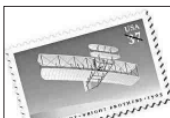
National Stamp Collecting Month once was a robust program throughout the Pacific, according to Weaver. Limited funding in recent years curtailed activities, but a visit from Postmaster General John Potter to the Air Postal Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, in January rekindled interest in commemorative stamp collecting and regenerated monies.

This year, PACAF secured more than \$5,000 in commemorative stamp stock to distribute to military postal customers, Weaver said.

"Some postmasters will opt for free drawings for patrons waiting in mailing lines, while others will advertise stamp collecting through displays in base libraries or post office lobbies," he added. "A favorite in past years has been stamp design contests for elementary school children, often with the postmaster or base leadership serving as judges."

"Stamp collecting is a hobby that can be enjoyed by the entire family, young and old alike."

Weaver said Air Force personnel stationed overseas also can buy and collect commemorative stamps from foreign countries through local postal facilities.



The World War II Memorial, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the Wright Flyer and the Purple Heart medal stamps are among the commemorative stamps available at Air Force post offices during National Stamp Collecting Month in October. All stamps released by the U. S. Postal Service are sold through APOs.

"They can serve as low-cost souvenirs from the country you're serving in, or those countries you've visited," he added.

Czumalowski said stamp collecting is quite popular among Pacific airmen.

"We have had plenty of involvement by our customers in the past," he said. "The program has been dormant in the past couple years, but when it was active, our patrons were quite involved and interested in our activities."

"In my experience, each of our larger post offices — such as Osan, Yokota, Misawa and Kadena — probably has at least 10-20 customers who come in on a regular basis to inquire about the latest commemorative-stamp availability."

All stamps released by the U.S. Postal Service are available through Air Force post offices, Czumalowski said.

To view the stamps in the 2004 U.S. commemorative stamp program, visit the postal store at www.usps.com/shop and click on "Release Schedule" in the Collector's Corner.

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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Sept. 27)	107.50
South Korean won (Sept. 25)	1,119.00
Euro (Sept. 27)	\$1.26
British pound (Sept. 27)	\$1.85

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1.864
Canada (Dollar)	1.254
Denmark (Krone)	0.0222
Egypt (Pound)	1.799
Euro	\$1.268
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.719
Hungary (Forint)	199.56
India (Rupee)	13.25
Israel (Shekel)	4.483
Japan (Yen)	108.68

Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2946
Lebanon (Lira)	150.48
Philippines (Peso)	56.37
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	2.47
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6994
South Korea (Won)	1,148.80
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2622
Thailand (Baht)	46.92
Turkey (Lira)	1,692.10

(Military exchange rates are those applicable to customers at military facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Kuwait, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign bank rates as of Sept. 27, 2004. British pound, which is represented in dollars and pence, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$408.10
Silver	\$6.405

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	2.75
3-month bill	1.72
6-month bill	4.84
Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com	

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MOVIES

SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	•ESPNews	Pacific Report	•NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Washington Redskins. From FedEx Field in Landover, Md. (Live) (CC)					•ESPNews	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)	
7	AFN-AT	5:30 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)			Zoboomafo! (E)	Animanics	Braceface Connor changes his look (CC)	All That (CC)
8	NEWS	•CNN Daybreak		The O'Reilly Factor (CC)	Good Morning America (CC)				Headline News	Channel One	The Early Show (CC)	
9	SPORTS	•ESPN Center		•NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series — MISMA America 400, Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del. (Taped)					•ESPNews	•Motorcycle Racing FM World Championship Superbike Series	The Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)
10	SPECT	The Simpsons: Claws of Vines and O'Hare's	Everybody Loves Raymond: Jay's come upstairs	Ed 'Hidden Agenda' Lu disrupts Ed and Gail's life, a bridge-exchange student stays with Mike and Nancy.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation: The team probes a deer's death at an animal convention. (CC)	Robert De Niro: The Untouchables	Robert De Niro: The Untouchables	Robert De Niro: The Untouchables	Friends: Ross' baby-sitting trauma (CC)	Seinfeld: Jerry decides to change barbers. (CC)	The Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)
11	AFN-FM	SpongeBob	Rugrats (CC)	The Proud Family [Amanda]	Everwood: The Kissing Bridge (CC)	Sister, Sister (CC)	Sister, Sister (CC)	Sister, Sister (CC)	Friends: Ross' baby-sitting trauma (CC)	The Coolest Show: Home improve.	Touché by an Angel 'Humor'	
12	AFN-OW	Behind the Scenes: The Tonight Show	Behind the Scenes: The Tonight Show	Behind the Scenes: The Tonight Show	Behind the Scenes: The Tonight Show	Behind the Scenes: The Tonight Show	Behind the Scenes: The Tonight Show	Behind the Scenes: The Tonight Show	Behind the Scenes: The Tonight Show	Behind the Scenes: The Tonight Show	Behind the Scenes: The Tonight Show	Behind the Scenes: The Tonight Show
14	TM	5:55 *** Triumph of Love (2001, Comedy) Mike Svinov, Ben Kingsley. Final #99 *** A woman has an elaborate plan to restore a prince's throne. PG-13 (CC)										
24	PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog: Clifford's new look (CC)	Dragon Tales: Emily doesn't like to lose (E)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer: Ohio's economic policy. (N) (CC)								
25	SHOW	*** Love Field (1992, Drama) Michael Pfeiffer, Dennis Haysbert, Stephanie McFadden. A Dallas woman makes a fatal jump to JFK's funeral. PG-13 (CC)										
26	A&E	City Confidential: Los Osos: After a money's a flashy lawyer is murdered. (CC)		American Justice: The murders of 29 black children in Atlanta between 1979 and 1981. (CC)								
28	DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
29	TFC	(15) OK, Fine Whatever			(45) Pipi							
30	CNN+	Larry King Live (CC)		CNN World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport
31	GOLF	•PGA Golf Longs Drive Challenge — Third Round. From Sacramento, Calif.			•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central
32	TLC	Clash Sweep: Outdoor enthusiasts have an indoor mess that looks early like a swamp. (CC)		In a Fix: The Dude Room: Unfinished projects at the Dude Room. (CC)								
34	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon Cartoons	Cartoon Cartoons	Cartoon Cartoons	Cartoon Cartoons	Cartoon Cartoons	Cartoon Cartoons	Cartoon Cartoons
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter: Faces in the Trigger: Steve Irwin reveals the animals in Somalia. (CC)		Most Extreme: Strength A list of strong animals includes the gorilla and the African crowned eagle. (CC)								
36	COM	Triller: Heavy Hits: The 911 attacks. A special tribute celebration. (CC)		The Daily Show: Drew Barrymore. (CC)								
40	NGCA	Treasure Seekers: Treasures of Mesopotamia.		Toyota World of Wildlife: Travelers & Tourists								
42	FOX	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation: 'Cats in a Rut' (CC)								
43	SPKE	Fame: 'Hold That Baby' Chris winds up being cast in his 8-month-old nephew.		Blind Date: A virgin takes love on her date.								
44	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live: Weekly interview and performance.		Movie Special: Bernie Mac (CC)								
46	COURT	NYPD Blue: 'Twin Petals' A man says his wife has assumed his identity and is revealing his girlfriend. (CC)		Cops: Attempted kidnapping. (CC)								
48	STR-UL	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News (CC)	Just Shoot Me (CC)							
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls: Rose announces her TV job. (CC)	The Golden Girls: 'Witness' (CC)									
51	ABC&M	Full House: Michelle picks up Tim. (CC)	Full House: Michelle picks up Tim. (CC)									
53	HIST	55: 'Honor's Man' Hancock: Hancock rules over death squads and exterminators. (CC)		Modern Marvels: 'Bunkers' Defensive fortifications. (CC)								
57	STR-IM	(6:20) *** The Princess Diaries (2001, Comedy) Lieke Martens, Anne Hathaway, Robert Elston. An awkward teenager learns that she is royal blood. (CC)		(20) *** The Princess Diaries (2001, Comedy) Lieke Martens, Anne Hathaway, Robert Elston. An awkward teenager learns that she is royal blood. (CC)								
58	ADV 1	6:30 Star Trek: Voyager: The Voyager crew arrives in the largest cave in the world.										
59	MTV	One Bad Trip	One Bad Trip	Direct Effect	Punk'd: Cameron Diaz and David Newsum.							
60	NICK	'Rugrats' (SpongeBob SquarePants)	Julie 'Caldo' (The Angry Beavers)	Julie 'Caldo' (The Angry Beavers)	Julie 'Caldo' (The Angry Beavers)							

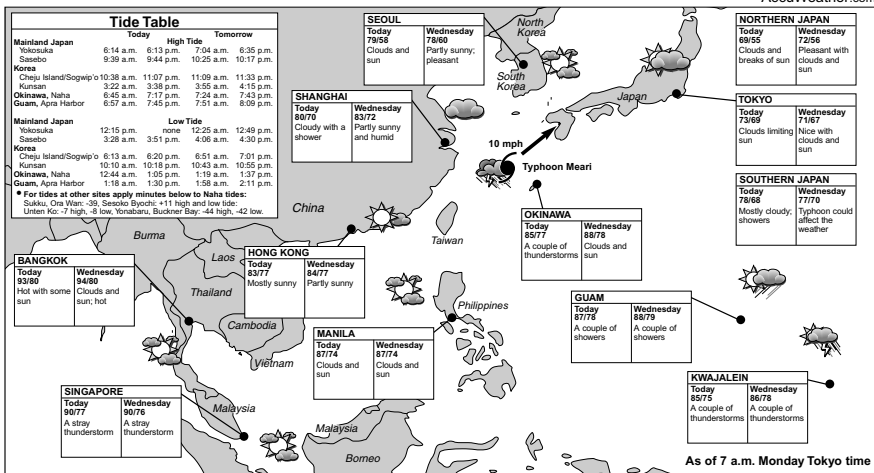
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 12:30 V.P.P. (12)
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 3:00 U.S. Movie (1987): No Man's Land
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The Pacific Forecast



Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 78, low 70.
 Friday: Thunderstorms, high 80, low 72.

KADENA

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 78, low 76.
 Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 76.

SEUL

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 79, low 59.
 Friday: Showers, high 76, low 50.

MANILA

Thursday: Showers, high 87, low 74.
 Friday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 73.

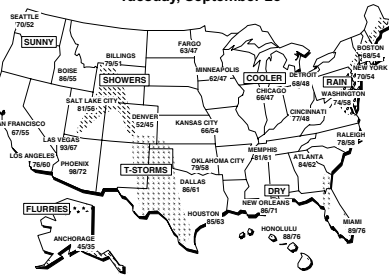
HAGATNA

Thursday: Showers, high 87, low 78.
 Friday: Showers, high 87, low 78.

Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	71/50	Los Angeles	83/62
Amarillo	72/55	Little Rock	85/61
Anchorage	41/34	Louisville	80/58
Asheville	79/58	Miami	88/75
Baltimore	79/58	Milwaukee	72/51
Birmingham	86/67	Nashville	74/60
Bismarck	83/52	New York	79/62
Boise	86/56	Omaha	82/54
Boston	74/56	Orlando	82/74
Brownsville	88/72	Philadelphia	79/62
Buffalo	70/52	Phoenix	100/75
Burlington	72/49	Pittsburgh	70/54
Charleston, SC	82/72	Portland, OR	75/54
Charlotte	81/67	Portland, ME	74/47
Cleveland	72/53	Salt Lake City	84/54
Columbus, OH	75/56	St. Louis	81/55
Duluth	74/52	San Antonio	87/67
El Paso	75/55	San Diego	75/65
Hartford	78/61	San Juan	92/77
Helena	75/48	Tampa	82/75
Indianapolis	74/54	Tulsa	89/60
Jacksonville	82/74	Washington	79/62
Kansas City	84/53	Wichita	86/57

Tuesday, September 28



U.S. Extended Forecast

Heavy rain and strong winds will batter portions of the Northeast and mid-Atlantic states during the day Tuesday. Along with the rain and wind, high surf will plague coastal areas. Showers and thunderstorms will develop across portions of the southern Plains and the central and southern Rockies Tuesday. Cool weather will move into the northern Plains. On Wednesday, dry weather will return to the Northeast as high pressure strengthens over the Great Lakes. A few showers and thunderstorms will develop over Florida. Showers and thunderstorms will also develop across the southern and central Rockies. A weak storm will bring a stray shower to the northern Plains.

Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/80	Kadena AB	85/77
Beijing	70/51	Kunsan AB	79/61
Camp Casey	79/55	Kwajalein	85/75
Christchurch	48/38	Manila	87/74
Diego Garcia	83/75	Masawa AB	87/78
Hagatna	87/78	Osan	78/59
Hong Kong	83/77	Perth	64/47
Honolulu	88/76	Pusan	79/64

Tuesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/72	Budapest	60/42	Kabul	86/46
Athens	77/56	Buenos Aires	69/43	Kiev	62/43
Auckland	60/48	Cairo	101/75	Kuwait	108/78
Baghdad	111/75	Cancun	83/71	London	65/45
Barbados	90/74	Cape Town	72/53	Madrid	62/63
Barcelona	71/60	Geneva	63/51	Mexico City	68/47
Berlin	63/47	Istanbul	83/59	Montreal	65/43
Bermuda	83/72	Jerusalem	91/68	Moscow	88/72
Brussels	61/45	Johannesburg	73/49	Moscow	61/45
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Horoscope

The full moon in impulsive Aries gives power to good ideas and bad ones alike. We may mistakenly feel that since we're having an idea, it's automatically good and should be acted on right away. There are not a lot of reasonable influences urging us to rethink, research or exercise restraint. The result is a period of action and reaction.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(September 28). You have a perfect opportunity to achieve or even surpass your goals for the coming year — but only if you're very clear about what it is you want. Put in the time to dig deep and do some serious soul searching. Be honest about your true desires. Be as detailed as possible. But above all, be brave. Lucky love signs are Aries and Aquarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't let fear of failure keep you from finishing what you started. When approaching the end of a project or situation, remember to remain flexible. Adapt to newly emerging situations, and you'll pass through them unscathed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is a very positive time for you, as you feel grounded and self-assured. An organized approach can help you make quick work of a spouse's "honey-do" list. Don't be shy about asking your honey for a favor, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Perhaps you've been holding your tongue, waiting for the right opportunity to let the powers that be know what's on your mind. Speak up now. You're able to see both sides of the story, which helps you present a fair analysis.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). On the prowl for a new love? Or perhaps your cozy, couple relationship needs a bit of drama? Update your wardrobe, hairstyle or makeup. Maybe even your attitude. You're loaded with self-confidence and charisma.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're able to really view your subjectively. Vanity, pride and ego are decep-

tive veils that are easily lifted to reveal your true, balanced self. Remember, our actions are ultimately motivated by either love or fear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You may feel like you're working on a tightrope. There's a fine line between doing good for others and stretching yourself too thin. Beware of taking on too many responsibilities. Saying no is sometimes the most loving thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Now is not the time for painful deliberations or asking yourself, "What did I do to deserve this good fortune?" Just accept happiness as your due. Success is hard to accept if you've grown accustomed to being disappointed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Never underestimate the power of laughter. You'll benefit most if doing something that makes you feel like a kid again. Blow bubbles, draw in the driveway with chalk, or swing on monkey bars at the park.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Forget about the laundry and the credit card bills for right now — the universe bestows blessings on your house. Focus on the people you love. You're the center of their world, so set a good example of peace and harmony.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Give the foundation of your home a good shake to see where the weak spots are. Does the roof need repair? Do you have adequate insurance? An ounce of prevention now can save you big headaches down the road.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Romance can spring up in the most unusual places — at the Laundromat or department of motor vehicles. Maybe even right under your nose. If you'd only open your eyes and see without prejudice. Let go of preconceived notions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Though you excel at the art of self-delusion, pretending your problems don't exist only delays the inevitable. The reality is that no problem is insurmountable. Ask a trusted friend to keep you accountable for your actions.

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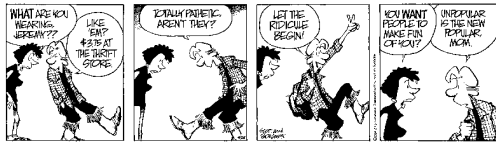
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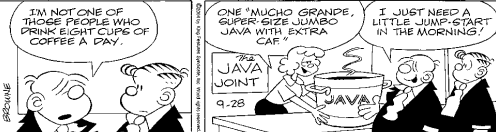
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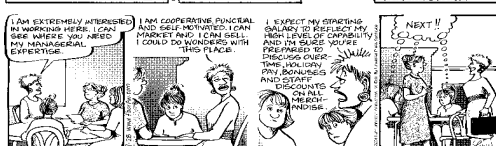
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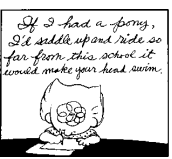
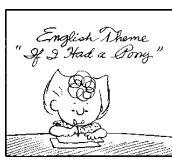
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Better or Worse



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Parents can't fall asleep on job

Dear Abby: I read with concern the letter from "Sleeping Beauty's Mother-in-Law," whose son and his 5-year-old daughter in her bedroom when he leaves for work so his wife can continue sleeping.

When I was a child, it was my job to lock my younger brother in his bedroom after he had eaten breakfast and before I left for school. I did it because my mother also wanted to continue to sleep.

Unbeknownst to me my mother had found a cigarette lighter. He had it in his room one morning when I locked him in. To make a long story short, he started a fire in his room that resulted in his death. I have lived with the guilt of this tragedy for nearly 20 years, despite years of therapy.

The grandmother who wrote that letter has good reason to be concerned for the well-being of her grandchild.

Please remind your readers

that children are not a convenience. They require the supervision of responsible people who will care for them unselfishly.

— **Florida Family Therapist**
Dear Florida Therapist: Please accept my deepest sympathy for your little brother's death. It was not your fault. The responsibility was your mother's. You were only a child yourself, and obeying her orders.

If it is forgiveness you are looking for, I advise you. Read on.

Dear Abby:



The letter from that grandmother gave me chills. My daughter-in-law gave birth to two children, but had only one

when she met my son. The other had been locked in his room while she slept. Somehow he got tangled in the cords on the blinds while he was playing and strangled.

When she awoke, she found her son dead.

My daughter-in-law lives

every day with the knowledge that her son died as a result of her negligence.

No child—or adult, for that matter—should be locked in a room. Without supervision, children often do things they're not allowed to do.

— **A Reader in Alaska**
Dear Reader: It goes without saying that a caregiver should be awake and capable of supervising the child.

Anything less is child abuse. Whether "Sleeping Beauty," the mother in the original letter, suffers from mental illness, depression or substance abuse, an intervention is called for. Because the parents seem oblivious to the danger, I advised the writer to notify Child Protective Services. While some readers felt this was drastic, it is better to take action and ensure the child's safety than to do nothing and regret it forever.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Daughter still cold to stepmother

Dear Annie: Eight years ago, I married a wonderful lady. At the time, I was a widower with two children. Both kids were now in their late 30s. My son is fine with his new stepmother, but my daughter, "Serena," did not want me to get married and always has treated my wife with indifference.

Thank heavens we live 800 miles apart, but whenever Serena visits, she always asks me to go out for dinner or shopping, and will not include my wife. When my wife and I are at our vacation home (which is not far from Serena's house), my daughter never asks us to stop by.

Serena also has insisted that I give her all my antiques and valuables so my wife will not get them if anything happens to me.

While my wife received a Mother's Day card from Serena last May for her birthday, she was ignored on her birthday, as usual. I am fed up with Serena's treatment and am ready to write

Annie's Mailbox



her out of my will, because that is what is most important to her. To treat my wife like this is a slap in the face to me.

— **A Troubled Father**
Dear Troubled: We know this must seem like eight years of disrespect to you, but please look again. Serena sent a Mother's Day card. This is quite a major leap, and you should be encouraged by it.

It takes some children a very long time to accept a parent's new spouse.

Instead of making demands, tell Serena how much your wife (and you) appreciate it whenever she does something kind. We are hoping that she eventually will come to understand why you love your wife so much.

Dear Annie: I had to write about your response to "Wondering Parents," whose son was living in their converted garage. You said they could charge him as

much as \$500 in rent each month. That is ridiculous.

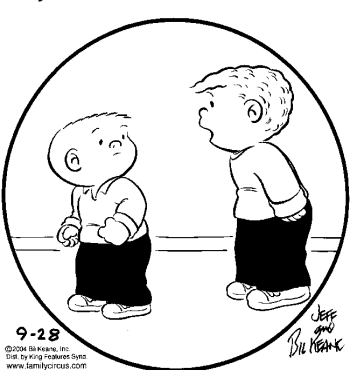
I'm 24, and I live at my parents' house. If they made me pay that much, there would be no reason to stay here. I pay \$100 so I can save the rest. Forcing your own son or daughter to pay more than \$200 a month is absolutely absurd.

— **Need the Money Myster**
Dear Need: Parents can charge as little as they please, but the amount paid in rent should depend on the amount earned in salary. If you are paying \$100 a month, we assume your job isn't providing much. The reason your parents let you stay is because they also want you to save money, but it is an act of love on their part.

"Wondering's" son pays nothing, does no laundry, doesn't clean up. Mom cooks his food and even buys his clothes, while he spends his cash on tattoos and beer. Give us a break.

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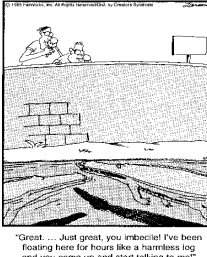
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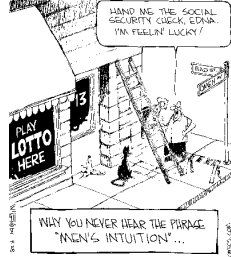
Dennis the Menace



The Far Side



Non Sequitur



Clearing Dillinger?

WI GREEN BAY — A police officer and dispatcher say they've solved a 1931 bank robbery case — and the culprit isn't ruthless Depression-era bank robber John Dillinger, as many people had suspected.

Officer Mike Knetzger and dispatcher Tracy Ertl determined Dillinger was in prison when gangsters robbed Green Bay's South Side State Bank in 1931 and got in a shootout with police.

The robbers got nearly \$7,000 but demanded more.

Four police officers arriving in a squad car were met with submachine-gun fire before they could get out of their vehicle, and three of the officers were wounded, Knetzger said.

Knetzger and Ertl said they've figured out who did it, but they're not saying yet. They say the answer will be in a book they're writing, due out next year.

Strange bedfellows

NC CRAMERTON — The mayor and the town manager plan an unusual mixing of the branches of municipal government.

Mayor Cathy Biles and Town Manager David Young are scheduled to marry Oct. 1, and not all of the town's leaders are happy about it.

"I'm not saying they need my permission, but there's definitely a line of do's and don'ts in the business world and they have crossed it," said Commissioner Ronnie Murphy.

Other commissioners say they don't worry about whether the marriage will influence town business.

"Both of those parties do a great job," said Commissioner Jacques Sumner. "From a personal perspective I wish them luck."

Marijuana found in truck

OK MUSKOGEE — A truck driver made a startling discovery when he found more than a ton of marijuana hidden away in a trailer's fake bulkhead.

The Muskogee Police Department's Special Investigations Unit was called to the Trucks For You long-haul trucking company, Sgt. Shannon Humphrey said.

Fred Payton, an independent driver from Miami, Okla., called authorities after finding he could not fit his normal-size load into the trailer, Humphrey said.

Payton, who measured the trailer, found tucked behind a false wall 76 plastic-wrapped bales of marijuana weighing 2,076 pounds, Humphrey said. Police estimated the marijuana's value at \$3.1 million, she said.

Taxidermy support

ME CORINNA — A teacher leading one of the nation's only high school taxidermy courses has come a long way since he once stopped to pick up road kill. Now he's getting specimens from the Smithsonian.

Howard Whitten, a Nokomis Regional High School science teacher, convinced the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., to donate \$1 million worth of stuffed and mounted animals, tanned and



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

frozen hides, skulls and frozen specimens.

More than 400 specimens were donated, including a pair of lions from Mozambique, bighorn sheep from Russia and a grizzly bear. The items were in a personal collection donated to the Smithsonian.

Buckeye bandit

OH AMANDA — Sarah Young woke one morning to find her buckeye tree stripped bare of nuts.

Was it the work of busy squirrels or a buckeye thief? Young suspects the latter.

"It's nuts!" Young said. "I want my buckeyes back."

It happened again when Young returned to her rural home about 25 miles southeast of Columbus and found her second buckeye tree shorn. A neighbor's buckeye tree also had been plundered.

Young and Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen suspect there's a market for supplying the shiny, brown nuts to jewelry makers who sell buckeye necklaces on the streets around Ohio State University on football game days.

Big retailers out

AZ FLAGSTAFF — City officials approved rules meant to keep big-box retailers from mov-



Anxious pooch

Jug, a 10-month-old Dogue De Bordeaux, watches as his owner, Carmen Randle, left, shakes hands with Susan Sampson, right, of Golden Retriever Rescue of Fairbanks, Alaska, during the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test at the Allridge Dog Park in Fairbanks.

ing into the city. The ordinance restricts retail outlets to 125,000 square feet and requires a conditional use permit for any store bigger than 75,000 square feet. Existing businesses that decide to expand would also have to follow the new standards.

Mistrial declared

FL CLEARWATER — The case against a teenager accused of draping a noose around the shoulders of a black teen at a fast food restaurant ended in a mistrial after defense attorneys said prosecutors did not disclose some evidence.

The mistrial was declared after a friend and classmate of Dionte Hall, 15, said he heard the accused, Louis J. Giannola IV, 19, utter a racial slur against Hall. Defense attorney Sami Thajli argued the friend, Jason Cantano, never made that allegation in his deposition and state prosecutors never disclosed it.

Man responsible for fire

MT HELENA — A civil jury found that Brent Johnson's disposal of charcoal briquettes made him liable for a 2000 wildfire that destroyed two homes and other buildings. Johnson and his insurance company, State Farm, are liable for more than \$500,000 in damages. Insurers Pacific Indemnity and Federal Insurance sued to recover what they paid to three homeowners after the 9,400-acre blaze.

Larceny charge added

VT BENNINGTON — A Pownal man who already was charged with armed assault for taking the clothes off the back of his victim now faces a new felony charge of larceny.

If convicted of both charges, Bryan Comi could face up to 20 years in prison.

The charges are related to an incident where Comi, who told police he had been smoking crack all night, allegedly held a man at gunpoint and took his wallet, keys and clothing from him.

The gun was later discovered to be a piece of plastic tubing, according to police reports. The victim told authorities that Comi told him he was a police officer.

The victim returned to his own apartment naked before calling police.

Ground silently trembles

WA LONGVIEW — Hundreds of tiny earthquakes have been reported at Mount St. Helens, but it is unlikely they pose any hazard to anyone outside of the volcano's crater, state seismologist Tony Qamar said.

Qamar said the seismology lab at the University of Washington in Seattle is having trouble keeping up with the hundreds of tiny quakes and show no sign of letting up.

The swarms of quakes could indicate that a small amount of magma is moving into the mountain's crater, cracking the lava dome, he said.

The quakes could increase the likelihood of small rock slides from the 876-foot-tall lava dome within the mountain's crater.



Mighty lumberjack

Northern Arizona University Transportation Services Center employee Vince

Moore walks beneath the Louie the Lumberjack statue he repaired following its reinstallation outside the Walkup Skydome in Flagstaff, Ariz. The 20-foot-tall fiberglass statue was vandalized. He was decapitated and had his feet broken off at the ankle. The head of the ax was broken off as well.



Behind the scenes

Kyle Glover, 7, walks through the inside of a 20-foot colon that shows cancerous stages of colon tissue at the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation's "Check Your Insides Out From Top To Bottom" in Oklahoma City.



Steer jumping Lee Graves jumps his steer during the Pendleton Round-Up in Pendleton, Ore.



Twisting icebreaker From left, Jacob Jenkins, Ramone Robinson, Nelson Miller and Tairisha Sawyer play a giant game of Twister in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center on the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville campus.



Stop, don't splatter! A grasshopper rests on the windshield of a car stopped along Highway 98 near Vaughn, Mont.

Teen held in sword attack

TX HOUSTON — A sword fight has claimed the life of a 42-year-old man and injured an elderly woman, according to authorities who are holding a teenager following the attack.

A Harris County sheriff's homicide investigator said Jose Alberto Martinez, 18, was charged with murder and aggravated assault. Martinez was jailed in lieu of \$40,000 in bail.

The fight broke out when Martinez was drinking beer with his neighbor Gabriel Flores at a trailer park.

Sgt. James Parker said Martinez, who had taken the 2-foot-long sword from his residence earlier in the evening to show it to his neighbor, allegedly stabbed Flores multiple times.

Martinez was also accused of striking the victim's mother in the head with the sword. The mother's name was not immediately available. Parker said Flores' family members managed to seize the sword from Martinez.

Hefty robbery

FL TAMPA — The "Beer Belly Bandit" has struck again after a 10-month break, adding to the dozens of bank robberies he has committed in Florida since 2000.

The robber, known for his bulging midsection, hit a bank again, pulling a gun on two tellers. It was the first robbery he had committed since November, when he held up a bank in Sarasota, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement said.

The amount stolen was not disclosed.

ROUGH counselors fired

CA STOCKTON — Six counselors at a high-security juvenile prison have been fired after an investigation found that two of them used excessive force during a fight with two inmates, and the four others falsified reports about the beating.

The fight, videotaped at the N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility near Stockton, began between the two youths and two counselors.

On the videotape, broadcast around the country, the two counselors continued to beat the two youths after they were subdued, and other counselors joined in.

Dave Darciuk, president of the counselors' union, said they were acting in self-defense. The six have appealed their firing.

Great white shark tagged

MA FALMOUTH — Marine researchers tagged a 15-foot great white shark off Cape Cod, the first time a great white has been outfitted with a satellite tracking device in the Atlantic.

The shark, first spotted near the Elizabeth Islands, may have had difficulty navigating its way back to the open ocean, said Gregory Skomal, a shark specialist with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries.

Skomal used a six-foot spear to attach the tag to the shark's dorsal fin near Hadley Harbor, off Nauset Island.

The shark has apparently spent several days in the somewhat en-

closed area framed by Woods Hole, Nauset Island, and two smaller islands, Uncatena and Nomanasset.

Officials hoped the shark would be able to leave the area on its own.

Year-round ice rink

KS TOPEKA — Topeka will soon have a year-round public ice rink after the City Council agreed unanimously to transfer a city-owned parking lot to a nonprofit group. The Topeka Ice program funded a majority of the project through community fund-raising.

Construction could begin as early as next spring.

More whooping cough

MI LANSING — The number of cases of whooping cough reported in Michigan are up more than 57 percent from this time last year, state health officials say. Ninety-nine cases were reported by the end of August with several more under investigation, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health. That's up from 63 reported for the same period in 2003.

Financial scandal

NH ACWORTH — At first, town government officials found about \$6,800 missing from the clerk's office.

Now, it's more like \$224,550.

Acworth selectmen have written to the town government's insurance company, the Local Government Center Property-Liability Trust of Concord, filing a claim for reimbursement of the stolen money.

"The information provided to us indicates a trend of missing funds going back to 1986," selectmen wrote in their insurance claim. "The town clerk was first elected in 1977 and it is likely that the theft started out with smaller amounts prior to 1987."

Brenda G. Longley, the town clerk for 27 years and the only employee in the clerk's office, resigned after a discussion with Mason and Rich, an accounting firm in Concord. In her resignation letter, Longley said, "I really have no idea what happened."

Student chokes to death

GA ATLANTA — A Midway Elementary student who fell unconscious after choking on a hot dog in the school cafeteria has died, officials said. Arely Rodriguez, 9, and some friends apparently were joking about who could be the fastest at eating a hot dog, witnesses said. A school nurse unsuccessfully tried to dislodge the food. The child never regained consciousness.

Hannity waives fee

UT OREM — Conservative commentator Sean Hannity's appearance at Utah Valley State College will be financed in part by the campaign of GOP gubernatorial candidate Jon Huntsman Jr. Hannity's speech is billed as providing balance to the appearance of documentary filmmaker Michael Moore. Hannity will waive his standard \$100,000 speaker's fee.

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A ten-year-old had awakened his parents in horror, telling them he had been having an "illegal dream." He had been dreaming that he was at the seaside with some men and women who were kissing, and he did not know what to do.

—Azar Nafisi, "Reading Lolita in Tehran"

W hat the young Iranian should have done to please the regime running the Islamic Republic of Iran is to have dreamed that he was on rules in Vladimir Nabokov's novel "Invitation to a Beheading." "It is desirable that the inmate should not have dreams at all."

George Will

Nafisi, who left Iran in 1997 and now teaches at Johns Hopkins, says, "What differentiated this revolution from the other totalitarian revolutions of the 20th century was that it came in the name of the past." In the name, that is, of a real religious purity and rigor.

Iran is not a mere literary dystopia. It is perhaps the biggest problem on the horizon of the next U.S. president because it is moving toward development of nuclear weapons, concerning which the Bush administration has two factions. One favors regime change, the other favors negotiations. There is no plausible path to achieving the former and no reason to expect the latter to be productive.

The regime-changers have their hands full with the unfinished project near 3100 to Iran. Negotiations cannot succeed without one of two things. One is a credible threat of force, which America's Iraq preoccupation makes unlikely. The second, which is also unlikely, is a mix of incentives, positive and negative, that can overcome this fact: Iran's regime is mad as a hatter, but its desire for nuclear weapons is not irrational.

Iran lives in a dangerous neighborhood, near four nuclear powers — Russia, India, Pakistan and almost certainly Israel — and the large military presence of another, the infidel United States. Iran has seen how the pursuit of nuclear weapons allows the ramshackle regime of a tin-pot country like North Korea to rivet the world's attention. Iran knows that if Saddam Hussein had acquired such weapons, he would still be in power — and in Kuwait.

And even if the major powers could devise security guarantees sufficient to assuage Iran's geopolitical worries, there remains the regime's religious fanaticism. Under 1994, Nafisi says, Iran's chief film censor, who previously had been theater censor, was nearly blind. He would sit in a theater with an assistant who explained what was transpiring on stage and took notes on the cuts the censor required. The showing on

Under a picture of supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini, an Iranian army officer participates in a parade ceremony, marking the 24th anniversary of the outset of the Iran-Iraq war (1980-1988) in front of the mausoleum of the late revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, just outside Tehran, Iran, Tuesday, Iran has seen how the pursuit of nuclear weapons allows the ramshackle regime of a tin-pot country like North Korea to rivet the world's attention.

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television of "Billy Budd" was condemned because it supposedly promoted homosexuality, although the television programmers chose it because it had no female characters. After the 1979 revolution, the regime lowered the marriageable age of women from 18 to 9. Since 2002 — this is Iranian modernism — a court's permission is required to marry younger than 13.

President Kennedy could not have imagined that such a backward-facing regime would be among those that would acquire the most modern of weapons. In the 1960 presidential campaign, he cited "indications" that by 1964 there would be "10, 15 or 20" nuclear powers. As president, he said that by 1975 there might be 20 nuclear powers. Today it is unclear whether North Korea has become the ninth by weaponizing its fissionable material.

It is in America's interest — indeed, the interest of all members of the nuclear club — to keep new members out. But a mere aspiration is not a policy. The club will expand over time. U.S. policy can vigorously discourage this, but must discriminate among, and against, nations. It is unlikely, but possible, that China's weight, properly applied in the context of North Korea's desperate material needs, can prevent North Korea from crossing the threshold. However, Iran is almost certainly going to cross

Iran can negotiate in bad faith while it

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for weapons. U.S. policy is that the "international community," whatever that is, "cannot allow the Iranians to develop a nuclear weapon" (Condoleezza Rice, Aug. 8). It is surreal to cast this as a question of what anyone will "allow" Iran to do.

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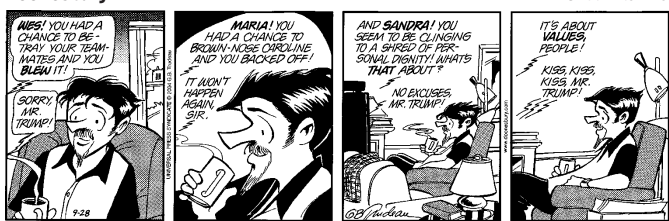
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OPINION

Wall Street sees peril in empty piggy banks

Wall Street is already voting in the 2004 election, and it's giving President Bush surprising low marks. Despite strong corporate profits, the Dow Jones industrial average has been stuck

David Ignatius

just above 10,000 — trading in the same sluggish range it has maintained all year. Recent reports by two respected economists suggest an explanation. They argue that fiscal and monetary policies during the Bush administration have effectively raided the nation's piggy bank to finance current spending. Without

changes in policy, they suggest, we may be looking at an economy that continues to tread water — or begins to sink.

"Campaign 2004 has barely paid lip service to America's biggest economic problem," Morgan Stanley's Stephen Roach contended in a commentary last week. "The elephant in the room that the politicians continue to sidestep is the profound shortfall of national saving — the sustenance of future growth and prosperity for any economy."

Under Bush, the federal government has burned through savings at an incredible clip. Roach notes that the government's net savings rate has gone from a surplus of 2.4 percent in 2000 to a deficit of 3.1 percent at the end of July. He reckons that's the largest swing from saving to dis-saving in the nation's history. "Little wonder that the politicians shy away from this issue — they are the major source of the problem," Roach notes.

Households have done as miserably as the federal government at managing money.

The personal savings rate is just 0.9 percent, says Roach, and when savings of all kinds are added together they total a net national rate of only 1.9 percent. Roach notes that an incumbent president has never stood for re-election with this key rate so low.

Bush's deficit spending — doling out tax cuts and other fiscal stimuli without the money to pay for them — is a big part of the nation's profligacy. But the Federal Reserve's monetary policy has also played a role, by keeping interest rates so low during 2002 and 2003 that homeowners were almost required to refinance their mortgages — and in many cases translate home equity into consumable cash.

John H. Makin of the American Enterprise Institute estimates in a Sept. 22 report that cash-out refinancings pumped \$100 billion annually into household disposable incomes in 2002 and 2003. That money helped consumers spend far more than they were making, according to Makin, with real consumer spending growing at 3.5 percent during the fiscal year that ended in July even though real disposable income grew at just 1.8 percent. During the three months that ended in July, real consumption rose at an annual rate of 4.2 percent while disposable income crept up at a rate of just 0.8 percent.

This raid-the-piggy-bank approach has allowed American consumers to play sugar daddy for the world economy. Spending down their savings, Americans have purchased the world's goods so avidly that they have pumped the current account deficit to a record 5.7 percent of GDP in this year's second quarter.

"Never before has a president stood for re-election with the United States more dependent on foreign financing of domestic growth," notes Roach. Looking at the countries, such as China and Japan, that finance this "increasingly tenuous disequilibrium,"



Roach wryly comments: "This is the real 'coalition of the willing.'"

Wall Street knows the numbers don't add up. And investors must have noticed last week when the head of the International Monetary Fund, Rodrigo Rato, lectured America about its deficits as if it were a Third World country. Thus the sluggish stock market — despite corporate profit rates that have bounced back to bubble-economy levels of the late 1990s. Indeed, according to Fed valuation models cited by Makin, U.S. stocks that were trading well above "fair value" before the bubble burst in early 2000 are now well below.

Perhaps the reason for Wall Street's torpor is that investors have actually been following this wretched political campaign —

and noted the vapid debate about economics. Bush and Kerry are claiming they'll cut the budget deficit in half over the next four years, but neither is offering convincing details. "In fact," writes Roach, "there is good reason to worry that campaign promises of both parties could compound the problem rather than fix it." He notes that Bush's pledge to make his unfunded tax cuts permanent is "especially worrisome."

The presidential debate season is upon us. Maybe someone can force these candidates to stop sweet-talking the public about economics and explain how they plan to put some money back in the national piggy bank.

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Fox hunting banned as Britain's blues, reds battle

WINCHESTER, England — The most un-British spectacle broke out in the House of Commons on Sept. 15. As a people, Britons are better known for resolving political disputes with barbs of finely honed wit than with fistbumps and bloody noses.

Helle Dale



The issue at hand, however, was such that passions could not be contained. And what was this matter of life and death? Not the war in Iraq, which is stretching the British, but a party thim, not the National Health Service, not the future of Britain in the European Union. It was fox hunting.

In the end, the ban was voted into law. The ban on fox hunting is now set to take effect in July 2006. A compromise solution has been proposed in the House of Lords for licensed foxhunting, but its future is far from certain.

At this point, it is tempting to feel that only a great satirical poet (such as Alexander

Pope, he of "The Rape of the Lock,") could do justice to these events. But there is more to the fox hunting issue than satire would allow. What has recently become clear in public statements is that Labour activists regard this as payback to conservative Britain for everything from the crushing of the miners' strike under Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in the early 1980s to preserving traditional British values.

Now, Prime Minister Blair is said to have exclaimed to the man who first proposed the fox hunting ban, "Oh for goodness' sake. I thought you were someone who concentrated on things that matter." But he soon found it very useful. For Mr. Blair, fox hunting became a bone tossed to the angry left wing of the Labour Party, which has been widely dis-

illusioned with the war in Iraq and business-friendly economic policies.

In the words of Labour Member of Parliament Dennis Skinner: "There is not a subject under the sun that is better suited to the Labour Party, for raising its morale in constituencies, than the ban on fox hunting."

The rural world they have in their sights is not multicultural or politically correct, and its bastions are to be found in small-town Britain and the countryside, dotted with pub named things like "The Fox and Hound." It is very old, solid, decent, and has a lot in common with Middle America, the red states for election purposes. Urban Labour types, city dwellers in multicultural environments, have little understanding or sympathy with it whatsoever. In this they re-

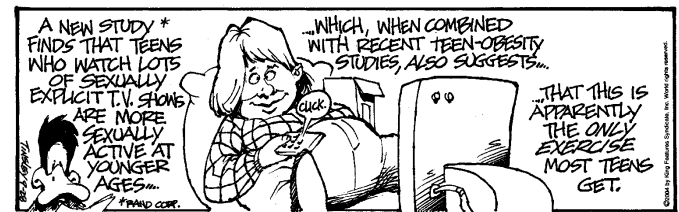
semble East Coast, big-city America.

Clearly, this is all about politics. Britain's foxes don't stand much to benefit from the ban, which is sure to be broken anyway. According to a Blair government-sponsored study of the fox population conducted in 2000, British foxes would need to be destroyed if they were not hunted to protect livestock and prevent overbreeding. Would they really prefer to be gassed, shot or trapped? Given such options, taking their chances against the dogs, which often fail to catch their prey, might sound quite good.

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BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Singh's victory sets money record

The Associated Press

FARMINGTON, Pa. — Vijay Singh is running out of firsts to take away from Tiger Woods.

Singh broke the PGA Tour single-year money record Woods set while winning three majors in 2000, holding off Stewart Cink to win the 84 Lumber Classic by one shot Sunday for his third consecutive victory.

Singh's eighth championship this year pushed his money total to \$9,453,566 in 26 events, surpassing Woods' \$9,188,321 while he was winning nine times in 20 events in 2000. With Singh expecting to play four more times, he could become the first to win \$10 million in one year.

"I'm going to try," Singh said. Singh led from start to finish for his fifth victory in six tournaments, the best streak since Woods won six in a row to end 1999 and start 2000. Singh has won seven times in his last 16 events.

In only three weeks, Singh has ended Woods' five years-plus run as the world's No. 1-ranked golfer and taken away one of Woods' lines in the PGA record book. Maybe that's why Woods pulled out of the 84 Lumber after unexpectedly committing last week — he didn't want to see Singh knock him out of yet another lead.

"It's ridiculous the way he's playing right now," said Chris DiMarco, who tied for third with Pat Perez and Zach Johnson after starting the round two back.

Singh had a three-under 69 Sunday, his third round in the 60s in four days, to finish at 15-under 273. Cink, five off the lead when the day started, had five straight birdies from No. 7 through No. 11 to make a move, but a bogey on the par-4 14th dropped him three back. Singh then held on despite a bogey on the par-4 18th.

"I want to win, I want to play well and it's a good habit (to get into)," Singh said. "I had my driver working, my irons working and I made the putts I needed to make."

Lindley overtakes Inkster with 7 birdies
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Leta Lindley

had seven birdies to finish at 6-under 65, good for a one-shot lead over two-time champion Juli Inkster at the LPGA Longs Drugs Challenge.

Lindley, a 32-year-old pro looking for her first tour victory, birdied five holes on the back nine to finish at 14-under 199.

Stadler picks up third straight win

CARY, N.C. — Craig Stadler delivered some good news to the rest of the Champions Tour: He won't be playing next week.

Stadler became the first player in more than six years to win three straight tournaments on the senior circuit, making birdies on the final three holes Sunday to win the SAS Championship with a tournament-record 17-under-par 199.

He beat Tom Jenkins by six strokes.

"I guess you get to the point where you expect things, you expect to hit good shots," Stadler said. "The more time you spend in the so-called zone, the easier it is to live up to the expectations."

Stadler closed with a 6-under 66 to avoid any real challenge from Jenkins, who shot a 68 Sunday.



With four events remaining Vijay Singh could become the first golfer ever to win more than \$10 million in one season.

Stenson captures Heritage title

WOBURN, England — Henrik Stenson of Sweden shot a 6-under-par 66 on Sunday to win The Heritage at Woburn by four strokes over Carlos Rodiles of Spain.

The 28-year-old, who led going into the final round, birdied four successive holes beginning at the 14th to clinch his victory.

S. Williams rallies, wins first title since March

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Serena Williams erased a match point in the second set and came all the way back to beat U.S. champion Svetlana Kuznetsov 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 Sunday at the China Open for her first title in six months.

"I just never gave up. I really didn't want to lose today," the top-seeded Williams said. "I haven't won a title since March, which really isn't like me."

Williams ended Kuznetsov's 14-match winning streak. The second-seeded Russian won her previous two events: the U.S. Open and a tournament in Bali last week.

Williams saved a match point while down 4-5 in the second set. She went on to win the next three games to take the second set. She raced ahead 4-0 in the third before Kuznetsov could rally.

Williams is working her way back up the WTA rankings after missing part of this year because of injury. She was ranked at No. 10 despite the victory, while Kuznetsov will stay at No. 5.

Williams, a former No. 1 and owner of six Grand Slam titles, was out eight months after left knee surgery on Aug. 1, 2003. She won her first tournament back, at Key Biscayne, Fla., in March, but kept her win another title until Sunday, missing more time because of pain in that knee.

U.S., Spain to meet in Davis Cup final

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A trip to Spain for the Davis Cup final assured, the United States padded its margin in the semifinals against Belarus on Sunday, with Andy Roddick beating Alexander Skryppok 6-4, 6-2 to give the hosts a 4-0 lead.

Sunday's singles matches were reduced to best of three sets, because the Americans took an insurmountable 3-0 lead in the best-of-five series Saturday.

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The final match of the competition, between American Marjorie Fish and Andrei Karatetschuk of Belarus, was delayed by rain showers spun onto the coast by Hurricane Jeanne hundreds of miles away in Florida.

Roddick said that probably will be favored on what Spanish will be play courts for the Dec. 3-5 final.

The United States has won the Davis Cup a record 31 times. The Americans last made the finals in 1997 and last won in 1995.

Spain won a berth in the finals with a 4-1 semifinal victory over France.

Bourdisis plays by Junquiera

LAS VEGAS — Sebastian Bourdisis held off Newman-Haas teammate Bruno Junquiera in a side-by-side battle to win the Las Vegas 400 on Saturday night.

Bourdisis, the series points leader, took the lead 58 laps into the 116-lap event. By the 53rd lap, Junquiera was moving in, and with 20 laps remaining, the wheel-to-wheel racing began in the inaugural Champ Car event at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Bourdisis took the faster low lane, but Junquiera stayed with him, leading by inches with as few as three laps to go around the 1½-mile superspeedway.

Bourdisis prevailed by 0.066 seconds, barely a car length, in the sixth-closest Champ Car finish since 1979. It was his sixth victory of the season.

Barichello locks up F1 second

SHANGHAI, China — Rubens Barrichello clinched second place in Formula One Sunday when he won the inaugural Chinese Grand Prix by edging Jensen Button by about a second.

Ferrari teammate Michael



Serena Williams celebrates her China Open victory on Sunday.

Schumacher, his seventh drivers' championship already secured, was 12th. He spun out and later blew a tire, finishing more than a lap behind.

Jones Jr. knocked out again

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Glen Johnson knocked out Roy Jones Jr. in the ninth round Saturday night to retain his IBF light heavyweight title and cast more doubt on the future of one of boxing's most storied fighters.

Jones lay on his back moving only slightly for almost four minutes after he was felled by an overhand right, followed by a short left. Trainers filled a towel with ice and slid it under Jones' head as he lay on the canvas, but he had trouble opening his eyes.

Jones, 33, finally walked out of the ring with help from his trainers. Jones left the arena in an ambulance for a checkup.

Jones turned pro after the 1988 Olympics, where it was widely perceived he was robbed of the gold medal. He has won titles at classes ranging from middleweight to heavyweight.

Last November, he captured the light-heavyweight crown over Antonio Tarver in the first of their two fights. But he was defeated by a crashing left from Tarver in their rematch in May.

Newman dominates; J. Gordon takes lead

BY DICK BRINSTER

The Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Ryan Newman led misfortune behind and ran away from the field, while four-time series champion Jeff Gordon took the NASCAR Nextel Cup points lead Sunday at Dover International Speedway.

But the victory in the MBNA America 400 did little to enhance the long-shot title hopes of Newman, 33rd a week earlier because of engine failure late in the race in New Hampshire. He's eighth in the standings with eight races remaining, trailing Gordon by 107 points.

"When you win races you're going to be good," Newman said. "Now we just have to keep going."

Gordon finished third behind Mark Martin in the race and is one point ahead of Kurt Busch, who finished fifth Sunday and lost the points lead when he was passed by Dale Jarrett with six laps to go.

"I thought we might have a shot at Mark," Gordon said. "But we had nothing for Newman."

Gordon said his car was good at times and far off at others. He also believes he can run better next week.

"It just keeps that doesn't mean we have a bull's-eye on us at Talladega," said Gordon, a winner there in April.

New Hampshire winner Busch came to The Monster Mile tied for the series lead with Dale Earnhardt Jr., who fell to third in the title chase by finishing 10th. He's 18 points behind Gordon.

Although he was unable to make a large gain, Newman demonstrated the power of his Dodge by leading 325 of 400 laps. New-

man, who started second, was held by a half-lap for much of the final quarter of the race, with the margin reduced only because a caution flag bunched the field on the 327th lap.

Newman's victory in the \$5.4 million event was his third at Dover, where he swept the races last year. He got his second victory this season and 11th of his career, beating Martin by 8.149 seconds on the high-banked concrete oval. Martin got his fourth Dover victory in June.

"We made some adjustments but we didn't have to make many," Newman said. "Once you get it right on this concrete it stays right."

Busch was happy with his best Dover finish.

"We just lost the handle on it in the corners," he said. "I was trying to hold off Jarrett but I couldn't."

Martin, now tied with Jimmie Johnson for fourth place in the series, said he got all he could out of his car.

"The race was decided on the last restart," he said. "I found out what the 12 (Newman) really had."

Newman averaged 119.084 mph in a race slowed five times by cautions covering 38 laps. There were 13 lead changes among seven drivers.

Former series champion and two-time Dover winner Tony Stewart finished third, followed by polester Jeremy Mayfield and Jamie McMurray. Johnson wound up 10th.

Reigning series champion Matt Kenseth finished 32nd after spinning out and hitting a tire barrier at the end of pit road.

That caused the race to be halted for 12 minutes while repairs were made.

No. 1 USC relishes tough win vs. Stanford

The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — USC went to halftime trailing and falling, down by 11 points and stung by an 82-yard run through the heart of its defense on Stanford's final play.

Reggie Bush was worried the locker room would resemble a funeral. Instead, the top-ranked Trojans (4-0) seemed thrilled to be in a close game — and they rode a wave of halftime emotion to a 31-28 victory Saturday night.

"I don't think it was anger. It was excitement," said Bush, whose spinning 33-yard punt return set up LenDale White's go-ahead score with 6:15 left. "These are the type of games that we miss, that we love. It's easy to blow a team out. When you win a game like this, you feel so much better. You feel great."

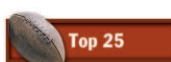
Matt Leinart passed for 308 yards and White scored on a 2-yard run to cap the Trojans' comeback. Steve Smith caught eight passes for 153 yards and a touchdown, and Bush contributed 95 yards rushing and the pivotal punt return to Southern California's 13th straight victory.

But the final result didn't seem nearly as important to the Trojans (4-0) as the thrill of making an impressive comeback. Sure, USC has a roster stuffed with high school all-Americans and NFL prospects, but even the best individual talents need chemistry and camaraderie.

Freshmen exhibited their underclassman counterparts for better efforts. Team leaders spoke up. Coach Pete Carroll made big adjustments to the Trojans' pass defense and everyone got behind a common goal.

"At halftime, this was the first time this team really had a chance to bond," defensive end Shaun Cody said. "It was a real special moment. It was the first time they felt everybody together as one. We're not always going to blow teams out. You need these kinds of nights to get a real team together."

The defense blamed itself for the 28-17 deficit after yielding



291 yards in the first half, so USC changed its timid scheme and held Stanford (2-1) to just 36 yards after halftime — in both schools' Pac-10 opener.

Leinart's offense did the rest, scoring two touchdowns and holding the ball for 18 minutes. But until Trent Edwards' final pass fell incomplete, the nation's second-longest winning streak was in danger across the San Francisco Bay from the site of the defending national champions' most recent defeat, at California last season.

"I think you have to build on a loss, but right now it's going to take a few days to realize what kind of opportunity we had to make a statement nationally and beat a team like this," said Edwards, 23-for-35 for 183 yards and two touchdowns.

Texas 35, Rice 13: Cedric Benson ran for 189 yards and a touchdown — his third straight game of more than 180 yards — and the Longhorns rolled over Rice.

Benson did most of his damage in the first half, piling up 169 yards on 18 carries for the nation's top rushing offense.

The Longhorns (3-0) have won 37 of the last 38 meetings with Rice (2-1).

The latest win was steady if unspectacular and just the kind of game Texas wanted as the Longhorns fight the urge to look ahead to their Oct. 9 matchup against No. 2 Oklahoma in Dallas.

No. 6 West Virginia 45, James Madison 10: Rasheed Marshall threw two touchdowns passes for Chris Henry to lead West Virginia to a home.

West Virginia's defense scored one touchdown and set up another as the Mountaineers (4-0) remained unbeaten heading into a showdown next week at former Big East rival Virginia Tech.

James Madison (2-1) has been outscored 135-10 in its last three contests against I-A teams and is 3-13 all-time against them.



Southern Cal wide receiver Steve Smith caught eight passes for 153 yards as USC defeated Stanford 31-28 on Saturday in Stanford, Calif.

The Dukes limited the Mountaineers to 171 yards on the ground, 140 yards below their average.

No. 11 Tennessee 42, Louisiana Tech 17: Erik Ange threw three touchdown passes and Cedric Houston ran for 160 yards and two more scores to lead Tennessee.

The Volunteers (3-0) started slow but broke open the game in the second quarter to catch a breather between a crucial win over Florida last week and a meeting with No. 9 Auburn next week.

Ange again got the bulk of the

playing time while alternating with fellow freshman Brent Schaeffer. Ange finished 10-for-15 for 198 yards, and Gerald Riggs had a career-high 116 yards on 16 carries.

The Bulldogs (2-2) lost starting quarterback Donald Allen at the end of his first series with an injury. Matt Kubik, who started the season opener, replaced him and was intercepted twice.

No. 19 Minnesota 43, Northwestern 17: Laurence Maroney had a 50-yard touchdown run and finished with 145 yards rushing to lead Minnesota at home.

Bryan Cupito, who completed passes to eight different receivers, threw for 155 yards and two TDs for the Gophers (4-0, 1-0) in the Big 10 opener for both teams.

Northeastern (1-3, 0-1) got a 97-yard kickoff return from Jeff Backes in the first quarter.

No. 20 Wisconsin 16, Penn State 3: Matt Bernstein bulled his way to a career-best 123 yards after replacing an ineffective and injured Booker Stanley to help Wisconsin hold off visiting Penn State.

The Badgers (1-0 Big Ten) held their opponents out of the end zone for the third time in four games and ended the month 4-0 despite the absence of star tailback Anthony Davis (eye) for the last 3 1/2 games.

The loss was costly for the Nittany Lions (2-2, 0-1), who lost their top two offensive weapons in the first quarter when quarterback Zack Mills injured his right shoulder on Penn State's first series and his replacement, multitalented Michael Robinson, suffered a concussion.

Bernstein was pressed into duty when Stanley, who gained just 9 yards on 10 carries, couldn't go in the second half because of an injured foot.

No. 22 Arizona State 27, Oregon State 14: Jamar Williams intercepted two passes and Jordan Hill recovered two fumbles in Arizona State's home victory over mistake-prone Oregon State in the Pac-10 opener for both teams.

The Sun Devils' Emmanuel Franklin saved an Oregon State touchdown by knocking the ball loose from Oregon State's Joe Newton, then recovering the ball for a touchdown — a play that turned the game around late in the first half.

Hakim Hill, playing with a broken bone in his right forearm, scored on a 3-yard run and Andrew Walter threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Zach Miller for the Sun Devils (4-0, 1-0), off to their best start since going 11-0 in the 1996 regular season.

Oregon State (3-0, 1-0) lost the 16th consecutive game at Arizona State.

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The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Brady Quinn tied a school record with four touchdown passes to lead Notre Dame to a 38-3 victory over Washington on Saturday.

Quinn was 15-for-27 passing for 196 yards with two TDs each to Matt Shelton and Anthony Fasano in the first half, leading Notre Dame (3-1) to its first victory of the season.

He completed only two passes in the second half, one for 53 yards that set up the Fighting Irish's final score, but it hardly mattered. The sophomore finished 17-for-32 for 266 yards with one interception.

Washington (0-3), which hasn't had a losing season since 1976, has its worst record since 1969,

when the Huskies lost their first nine games before beating Washington State in the season finale.

Quinn's fourth TD pass tied a school record accomplished eight times previously, the last time by Carlyle Holiday.

About the only disappointment for Notre Dame on Saturday was that after playing their best half offensively, the Irish couldn't move the ball in the second half. It was especially disappointing because Notre Dame coaches had stressed the need to finish strong after letting Michigan State stay in the game a week earlier.

But the Huskies — who were held without a touchdown for the first time since a 16-3 loss to Arizona in 1992 — never got back in the game. The three points were

the fewest allowed by the Irish since a 42-0 win over Rutgers on Nov. 23, 2002.

Quinn guided Notre Dame to scores on five of its eight first-half possessions. He started the run on Notre Dame's second possession. He pumped failed a screen pass, then threw 24 yards into the end zone to Shelton, who was wide open. Two possessions later, Quinn capped a 79-yard drive with a 27-yard pass to Shelton.

The defense, which had set up or scored half of Notre Dame's touchdowns entering the game, set the offense up again on Washington's next play. Nose guard Trevor Laws jarred the ball loose from tailback Kenny James, then recovered at the Washington 18.

The Irish scored on the next play on Quinn's 18-yard pass to Fasano.

Quinn ties record in Irish victory



Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney (5) carries the ball 47 yards to score against Utah in the second quarter Saturday. Carney scored three touchdowns, but 14th-ranked Utah had too much firepower and won 49-35.

Utes too much for Air Force

BY TODD JACOBSON
The Gazette

SALT LAKE CITY — Air Force was the first team to find a soft spot in 14th-ranked Utah's defense, but it was hardly enough to knock off the Utes on Saturday.

Looking for a big upset, Air Force got turned upside down 49-35 in front of a homecoming crowd of 44,043 fans at Rice-Eccles Stadium.

The Falcons grabbed an early 14-point lead and threatened to bash the Utes' Bowl Championship Series-busting hopes, but Utah responded by reeling off 35 consecutive points to win its eighth straight game.

"Our guys didn't quit," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said. "We missed some tackles, but we came back and we scored and we came back and we fought until the end. I am not in anyway discouraged about this football team whatsoever."

That's because Air Force (2-2, 1-1 Mountain West) proved it could hang with Utah — at least for a little bit. The problem was the Utes (4-0, 1-0) were as good as advertised.

After last year's three-overtime epic loss, Air Force's secondary provided most of the drama Saturday as it tried to contain Utah's unrelenting spread offense.

It didn't work. Utah quarterback Alex Smith picked apart the Falcons, throwing for 260 yards and two touch-

downs, and Utes running back Marty Johnson grinded out four touchdowns and 75 yards.

The Utes accumulated 505 yards on offense, and most of it came in the final three quarters.

Air Force freshman quarterback Shaun Carney had his best day, running for 95 yards and throwing for 158 more in his fourth start.

Carney accounted for four of Air Force's five touchdowns, rushing for three scores and throwing for another. Early on, he had the Falcons in position to upend a ranked opponent.

The Falcons marched 80 yards to open the game, and Carney scored on a 2-yard run for a 7-0 lead. The freshman padded the lead with a 47-yard run in the second quarter.

"I don't think Utah was used to a team coming out there attacking them and jumping on them like we did," Air Force fullback Adam Cole said. "If we learn how to sustain that I think we can beat a Utah, beat a team like that in the conference."

Utah had not trailed this season.

"It was in panic mode," Utah coach Urban Meyer said. "You can't get behind Air Force. I have been on that side of the stick before."

He didn't need to panic. He just needed to hit the offense button.

Air Force barely had time to let out a cheer before the Utes swooped out of the wild blue yonder with 35 consecutive points.

"It's hard to stop us when they don't know what to key on," Johnson said. "We can run. We can go to Paris (Warren), Steve Savoy, the receivers. Alex can throw. Alex can run. Usually a defense can't stop us because they don't know what's coming."

Utah made the Smith 147 with the first of Johnson's four touchdown runs with 9:43 left in the half, and scored on back-to-back drives — if you want to call them drives — at the end of the half to take a 21-14 lead.

Smith connected with Warren on a 65-yard touchdown pass to tie the score at 14-14, and after Anthony Butler fumbled on Air Force's first play at the Falcons' 21-yard line, it took two runs by Smith for the Utes to take a lead they never relinquished.

Fumbles proved to be especially troublesome for Air Force.

After the Falcons narrowed Utah's lead to 35-28 on Carney's third touchdown run with 2:14 left in the third quarter, Air Force seemed to be driving to tie when Carney fumbled amid plenty of controversy.

Carney said he didn't fumble. Marquess Ledbetter, who recovered the fumble, said Sione Pouha clearly stripped the ball. Replays were inconclusive, though DeBerry vehemently argued the play for several minutes.

"That was crucial. Oh Lord, that was crucial," DeBerry said. "We had momentum and we were closing the gap."

Michigan capitalizes on Iowa's turnovers

BY LARRY LAGE
The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Braylon Edwards sat on the bench and took a sip of water before he knew it was time to get back on the field.

"There's a certain kind of cheer when you get a fumble or an interception," he said.

He heard that roar often Saturday at Michigan Stadium.

The 18th-ranked Wolverines turned four turnovers into 27 points and Edwards caught six passes for a career-high 150 yards to lead Michigan to a 30-17 win over Iowa.

"We're trying to establish ourselves as a contender, not a pretender," the star receiver said.

The defending conference champion Wolverines (3-1, 1-0) won their 23rd consecutive Big Ten opener. They have won 12 straight at home since Iowa handed them their worst loss at Michigan Stadium since 1967.

Ed Hinkel's one-handed, diving TD catch on the opening drive gave the Hawkeyes (2-2, 0-1) their only lead. Hinkel's 10-yard TD midway through the fourth quarter pulled them to 30-17.

Chad Henne was 16-for-26 for 236 yards with a TD and, most importantly for Michigan, no turnovers.

Iowa's Drew Tate was 20-for-32 for 270 yards, two TDs, two interceptions and a botched handoff that led to a fumble.

"Some stuff that they did was different than what we saw on film," Tate said. "But it was just them being athletes that made it so hard."

Michael Hart ran for 99 yards and a TD for the Wolverines.

Iowa's Jermelle Lewis was limited to 35 yards on 14 carries.

The Wolverines started the game ranked first in the nation with 14 takeaways and might stay on top after recovering three fumbles and intercepting two passes. They have scored 79 of 117 points through four games off turnovers.

Lloyd Carr, in his 10th season as Michigan's head coach and 28th on its staff, has never seen anything like it.

"We've had some great defenses, but we've never had a defense that has caused this many turnovers," Carr said.



Michigan receiver Braylon Edwards celebrates his first quarter touchdown against Iowa.

After Michigan cut Iowa's lead to 7-3 midway through the first quarter, the Wolverines scored the rest of their points off turnovers. They would've added another score to the total, but Hart fumbled as he lunged toward the end zone.

They're going to tease me about it," Hart said.

Michigan scored two TDs over a 2:07 span of the second quarter to take a 16-7 lead and took a 20-point lead early in the fourth on Grant Mason's interception and 25-yard run.

Michigan cornerback Leon Hall intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble.

Iowa had won two straight against Michigan, including a 34-9 victory two years ago at Michigan Stadium, but the Hawkeyes have never won three in a row against the Wolverines.

In the first half, Edwards had four catches for 132 yards, including a 39-yard reception that fell a yard short of the end zone. He had just two catches after half-time, but both went for first downs.

Edwards, with 2,711 yards receiving, moved past Anani Toomer on Michigan's career list and trails only Anthony Carter by 365 yards.

"We did some good things, but obviously we did some things that weren't so good," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "Michigan played a huge role in that. They're an aggressive, opportunistic defense."

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Surprising Jaguars earn first victory in Nashville

Jacksonville 3-0 with win over rival Titans

BY TERESA M. WALKER

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Jacksonville Jaguars are proving that with a good defense, any kind of offense will do.

Fred Taylor ran for a 1-yard touchdown with 9 seconds left Sunday, and the Jaguars beat Tennessee 15-12 for their first victory ever at The Coliseum. Jacksonville now is 3-0 despite scoring just 35 points this season.

Of course, the Jaguars have allowed only 28.

"Our defense is outstanding," Taylor said. "They keep us in and give us a chance to win. I don't want to say we have the luxury of starting slow, because that just isn't how you want to play."

The Jaguars sacked Steve McNair three times and knocked him in the fourth quarter with a bruised sternum. He watched the final minutes from the sideline as the Titans (1-2) lost their

second straight, then was taken to a local hospital for more tests.

"I don't tell Steve not to run," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "He took this game over and gave us a chance to put a scoring drive together with the two runs. That's the risk he takes."

Del Rio said his Jaguars have plenty of room for improvement after pulling out a victory over Buffalo with no time left and recovering a fumble last week in the final minute to beat Denver.

"For us, a huge win. [I'm] proud of our guys for fighting the whole 60 minutes," Del Rio said.

Byron Leftwich also threw for a touchdown as the Jaguars won their first three games for the first time since 1998 and stayed alone atop the AFC South.

Tennessee has dominated this series since 1999, winning nine of the previous 11 games and each of the first five games played in The Coliseum.

But the Jaguars said they didn't

care about history with 36 players added since the end of the 2003 season. They held Tennessee and McNair, the 2003 co-MVP, to just 249 yards.

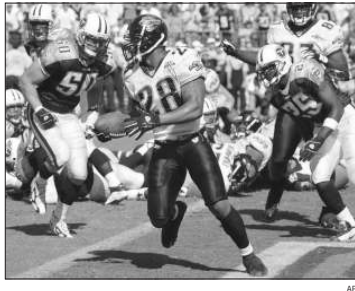
The Titans now have lost consecutive games at home after going 7-1 here in 2003.

"Honestly, right now we are not playing good football," Pro Bowl receiver Derrick Mason said. "Anybody that would say anything else would be lying to themselves."

McNair was hurt while trying to rally the Titans. He ran twice for 19 yards, including a 14-yard scramble on third-and-10, on a drive capped by Chris Brown's 26-yard TD run for a 12-7 lead with 5:37 to go.

But McNair overthrew Mason in the left corner of the end zone on a 2-point conversion attempt, then went straight to the sideline, where he pulled off his pads.

Leftwich drove the Jaguars 59 yards in 13 plays, and Taylor



Jacksonville Jaguars running back Fred Taylor (28) looks back from the end zone after scoring on a 1-yard touchdown run on Sunday.

capped it with a run to the right side. Taylor, one of only four Jaguars left from the 1999 season in which Tennessee beat them three times, ran back to the sideline with the ball under his arm.

"They flushed my Super Bowl opportunity down the drain, so I respect them to the utmost," Taylor said of the Titans. "I don't know how they feel about it, but it really isn't important."

Leftwich hit Ernest Wilford for the 2-point conversion, but wasn't needed. Leftwich was 14-for-20 for 124 yards, and Taylor ran 17 times for 81 yards.

Backup Billy Volek warmed up, but the Titans had left him only 3 seconds after a botched play on the short kickoff return. Drew Bennett bounced a lateral back to Samari Rolle, but he was tackled.

Volek's pass to Brown bounced off his back as time ran out.

Brown snapped the Jaguars' NFL-best streak of 17 games without allowing a 100-yard rusher as he ran for 101 yards. But in the end the Titans couldn't stop an offense had generated just two touchdowns coming to this game. The Jaguars went three-and-out on four of their first six possessions.

J. Lewis finds stride as Ravens run over Bengals

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Jamal Lewis up the middle. Jamal Lewis up the middle. Jamal Lewis up the middle. With the game on the line, Jamal Lewis rushed toward the end zone.

After two subpar efforts, the Baltimore Ravens' game-breaker is back at it.

Lewis ran for 186 yards — the fifth-best total of his career — and broke a 75-yard touchdown run Sunday that clinched a 23-9 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

It was vintage Lewis.

"It was time," said Lewis, who hadn't come close to 100 yards in a game this season. "I'm a patient guy. I just wait for things to unfold."

When Lewis is off and running, things usually unfold nicely for the Ravens (2-1), who rely on their punishing back. Kyle Boller ran for a touchdown and threw for another, but had two costly fumbles that kept it close.

Lewis needed only 13 seconds to finish it off midway through the fourth quarter. He took a handoff, changed direction twice, left two tacklers empty-handed and sped off, pulling so far ahead of the defense that everyone slowed once he reached the 20-yard line.

The Bengals (1-2) always have trouble bringing him down. Lewis has topped 100 yards in all seven of his career games against Cincinnati, including a 180-yard effort last December.

"Jamal's one terrific player, but you've got to tackle or you can't win," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. "We stayed with the script and got back into the game, but that long run they got at the end was disheartening."

Until Sunday, the record-setting back who topped 2,000 yards last year had little room to run. He managed only 57 in a season-opening loss to Cleveland — a team he



Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis (31) breaks a tackle by Cincinnati Bengals' John Thornton in the second half Sunday.

tormented for 500 yards last season — and Pittsburgh limited him to 62 yards a week later.

The Bengals were much easier to crack. Lewis powered through defenders who couldn't get a grip. They clawed at his shoulder pads and lunged at his thighs, then found themselves flailing on the ground while Lewis went on his way.

"He's an All-Pro running back, but we helped him a lot," linebacker Kevin Hardy said.

But for every good moment, there was a bad one. Boller fumbled on a scramble 2 yards from the end zone and lost the ball without being touched on a second-half run, setting up the last of Cincinnati's three field goals.

His counterpart had a painful time trying to stay on his feet.

For the second consecutive game, the Bengals' offense failed to score a touchdown behind second-year quarterback Carson Palmer, who was hit often by a blitzing defense.

Linebacker Ray Lewis drew a 15-yard

penalty for slamming into the quarterback's head after he released a pass. Lewis also recovered Palmer's first-half fumble.

In other games Sunday:

Texans 24, Chiefs 21: At Kansas City, Kris Brown kicked a 50-yard field goal with 2 seconds left to give Houston a victory, keeping the defending AFC West champions winless.

The Chiefs are the fourth team since 1990 to open 0-3 after making the playoffs the previous season.

Priest Holmes played despite a sprained ankle, running for 134 yards and becoming the Chiefs' career rushing leader. Holmes broke Christian Okoye's record of 4,897 yards midway through the third quarter, on a 75-yard run up the middle.

But his failure to score from the 1 in the third quarter kept Kansas City from taking a two-touchdown lead — and resulted in a defensive error. Priest Holmes' 19-yard drive (1-2), when Marcus Coleman returned an interception 102 yards to tie it at 14.

Saints 28, Rams 25 (OT): Fill-in running back Aaron Stecker had his first career 100-yard day for New Orleans. Aaron Brooks calmly directed the winning drive and John Ceamy kicked five field goals in a victory that ended the Rams' 15-game regular-season winning streak at home.

The Saints beat the Rams in St. Louis in 2000 and '01, when both teams were in the NFC West.

In Sunday, New Orleans (2-1) somehow forced overtime after the Rams (1-2) took a lead on Marc Bulger's 19-yard scramble with 28 seconds to go. Then they stuffed the Rams' once-high-powered offense in overtime and drove deep into St. Louis territory to set up Ceamy's clinching 31-yarder with 7:59 left in overtime.

Vikings 27, Bears 22: Daunte Culpepper threw two touchdown passes to Randy Moss and ran for another score, helping host Minnesota hold off Chicago.

Ontario Smith had 94 yards rushing and 104 yards receiving for Minnesota (2-1), which has a week off to heal. Chicago (1-2) came within five points when quarterback Rex Grossman scored on a 6-yard scramble late in the 2-minute warning, but he hurt his right leg and had to leave on a cart.

Chicago got the ball back and backup QB Jonathan Quinn was sacked by Kevin Williams on fourth down. Grossman was 21-for-31 for 248 yards.

Falcons 30, Cardinals 3: Atlanta improved to 3-0 for the first time since 1986 by forcing Arizona quarterback Josh McCown into three fumbles and getting a pair of field goals by Jay Feely, beating the winless Cardinals in Atlanta in a downright ugly game.

There were nine fumbles (seven resulted in turnovers), five calls that had to be reviewed by the referee (two were overturned) and not one touchdown despite countless opportunities by both teams. The Cardinals (0-3) lost three fumbles inside the Falcons 20.

Atlanta did its best to give the game away in the fourth quarter. Michael Vick threw a pass that was intercepted by Adrian Wilson and returned to the Falcons 18, but the Cardinals had to settle for Neil Rackers' 30-yard field goal with 9:24 remaining.

Giants 27, Browns 10: Kurt Warner set up a touchdown run by Tiki Barber with a long pass, and the veteran quarterback capped another drive with his second career regular-season TD run in a win at home.

Michael Strahan had two sacks and two fumble recoveries and the defense made life miserable for Browns quarterback Jeff Garcia to help New York (2-1) win its second straight under Tom Coughlin and hand Cleveland (1-2) its second straight loss.

The two-game winning streak matched the Giants' high for last season, when they went 4-12 under Jim Fassel.

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Red Sox, Schilling win last battle

With AL East hopes dim, Boston takes solace in pounding Yankees

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Curt Schilling allowed one hit in seven innings and Boston battered Kevin Brown in his return from a broken hand, beating the New York Yankees 11-4 on Sunday.

Boston's Pedro Astacio and Kevin Brown's Brad Linger were ejected in the eighth inning for throwing inside to batters. The benches and bullpens cleared after Halsey pitched high and tight to Dave Roberts on the first pitch of the bottom half, but the players were kept apart.

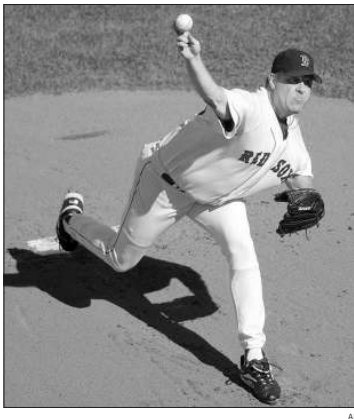
In the same stadium on July 24, the teams fought after Alex Rodriguez was hit by a pitch by Bronson Arroyo and was shoved in the face by catcher Jason Varitek.

After losing Friday's opener, Boston won the final two games and took the season series for the first time since 1999, going 11-8 against the Yankees. The Red Sox 93-62 closed within 3½ games of first-place New York (97-59) in the AL East but have just seven games left and likely will wind up with the AL wild-card berth. Boston led Anaheim by six games starting play Sunday.

Boston scored four runs in the first inning off Brown (10-5), who got just two outs and made it 4-0 in the second against Esteban Loaiza, who allowed seven runs in 4½ innings.

Schilling (21-6), who leads the major leagues in wins, struck out six.

Twins 6, Indians 2: Omar Vizquel got a warm sendoff in position of his final home game for Cleveland and the Minnesota Twins reached 90 wins for the third straight season.



Boston's Curt Schilling allowed one hit over seven innings in beating the New York Yankees 11-4 on Sunday for his 21st victory of the year.

Vizquel, the Indians' widely popular shortstop, went 1-for-4 in the team's home finale — perhaps his last wearing Cleveland's white jersey. Vizquel, a three-time All-Star and nine-time Gold Glove winner, is expected to become a free agent in November. He has a mutual \$5 million option for next season that the Indians are not likely to pick up.

Orioles 5, Tigers 0: Rodrigo

Lopez (14-8) pitched a three-hitter for his second career shutout. Miguel Tejada homered and drove in three runs, giving him a major league-leading 142 RBIs. Tejada hit a two-run homer and singled in a run in a two-run eighth. His 142 RBIs tie the club record set by Rafael Palmeiro in 1996.

Lopez (14-8) struck out seven and walked none in winning his fourth straight decision. He al-

lowed only one runner past first base in his first complete game of the season and fifth of his career.

Detroit, which failed to score in the final 21 innings of the three-game series, has lost five straight and seven of eight.

White Sox 5, Royals 1: Jon Garland (11-11) pitched into the ninth inning and Wilson Valdez hit his first career homer for host Chicago. Ross Gload also homered, and Jose Valentin and Joe Borland hit back-to-back slots in the seventh inning for the White Sox.

Garland (11-11) came within two outs of his second complete game of the season. He gave up one run and five hits in 8½ innings, struck out five and walked two. Danaso Marte got the last two outs for his sixth save.

In Saturday's AL games:

Indians 5, Twins 3: After Jacques Jones hit a two-run double off Bob Howry (4-1) for a 3-2 lead in the eighth, Josh Phelps tied the score with two outs in the bottom half off J.C. Romero (7-3) with his first career pinch homer. Victor Martinez and Ben Broussard then walked, and Coco Crisp hit a two-run double.

Devil Rays 6, Blue Jays 5: Geoff Blum hit a winning sacrifice fly in the ninth off Miguel Batista (10-13). With a 9:15 p.m. curfew imposed as Hurricane Jeanne closed in, Florida, both teams came out swinging in a game that lasted just 2 hours, 20 minutes and ended at 8:36 p.m. Sunday's series finale was canceled because of the hurricane.

White Sox 5, Royals 1: Mark Buehrle (15-10) pitched a four-hitter for his third complete game and Jose Valentin and Carlos Lee homered for host Chicago, which has won six of eight.

Mets slow Cubs' bid for wild-card berth

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Al Leiter pitched two-hit ball for six innings to earn his first victory in 11 games and the New York Mets put another dent in Chicago's playoff hopes Sunday with a 3-2 victory over the Cubs.

Chicago began the day a half-game in front of San Francisco in the NL wild-card race after losing 4-3 to the fourth-place Mets in 11 innings Saturday. San Francisco hosted Los Angeles later Sunday.

The Mets capitalized on a streak of wildness by Cubs starter Kerry Wood (8-8) to score three runs in the first inning. Leadoff batter Jose Reyes walked, stole second and scored on a single by Kaz Matsui. After a double play, rookies Craig Brazell and Victor Diaz, the heroes of the Mets' victory Saturday, both singled. Eric Valente and Jason Phillips were hit

by pitches, forcing in one run, and a bases-loaded walk to Gerald Williams brought in another.

Cardinals 9, Rockies 3: Albert Pujols hit his 46th homer to move within one of the major league lead and Jason Marquis (15-6) pitched seven innings as visiting St. Louis won its fourth straight.

Pujols was 4-for-5 and drove in four runs.

Astros 11, Brewers 7: Raul Chavez drove in a career-high five runs to help visiting Houston outslug Milwaukee. Lance Berkman and Jeff Kent homered for the Astros, who kept the heat on Chicago and San Francisco in the NL wild-card race.

Chavez capped a four-run first off Victor Santos with an RBI single, then added a bases-clearing double in the fifth and a run-scoring single in the seventh.

Prates 4, Reds 2: Mike Redman hit two scoring singles as host Pittsburgh ended a five-game losing streak. Josh Fogg (10-10) took for the fourth time in six decisions.

Braves 6, Marlins 3: Florida, eliminated earlier in the week from the NL East title chase, was eliminated from the NL wild-card race as John Thomson (14-8) limited the visiting Marlins to one run over seven innings.

Chipper Jones drove in two runs, increasing his total to 95 as he bids to join Chicago's Sammy Sosa as the only NL players with nine straight 100 RBI seasons.

Padres 7, Diamondbacks 1: Jake Peavy (14-6) pitched six innings and lowered his NL-leading ERA to 2.25 as San Diego made up ground in the wild-card race.

The Padres pulled within 2½ games of the Chicago Cubs, who lost 3-2 to the New York Mets, and the San Francisco Giants, who played the Los Angeles Dodgers later Sunday. Houston was 1½ games behind the wild-card co-leaders.

Phillies 2, Expos 1: Bobby Abreu hit a two-run double in the fifth to back a solid outing by Cory Lidle (11-12) for visiting Philadelphia.

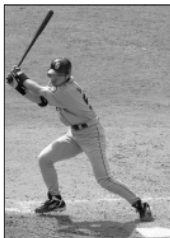
In Saturday's NL games:

Phillies 4, Expos 3 (10): Mike Lieberthal hit a go-ahead single in the 10th inning and Ryan Howard added a run-scoring double for visiting Philadelphia.

Padres 6, Diamondbacks 5: Ryan Klesko hit a go-ahead, two-run double off Chad Durbin (1-1) in seventh inning and finished with four RBIs. Trevor Hoffman got four outs to reach 40 saves for the sixth time but hit the first since 2001.

Braves 1, Marlins 0: Mike Hampton (12-9) gave NL East champion Atlanta one more reason to celebrate, pitching seven scoreless innings on an ailing knee. A homer by light-hitting Dewayne Wise in the seventh provided the only run host Atlanta needed.

Reds 7, Pirates 4: Paul Wilson (10-5) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings to become Cincinnati's second 10-game winner in two nights and the visiting Reds used a five-run first inning to beat Pittsburgh.



Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki singles in the sixth inning Sunday against Texas, his 251st hit of the year.

Suzuki's 251st helps Mariners get by Rangers

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ichiro Suzuki moved within six of the season hits record and the Seattle Mariners beat Texas 9-0 on Sunday to damage the Rangers' play-off hopes.

Suzuki went 1-for-4 with an intentional walk. His sixth-inning single increased his hit total to 251 with seven games remaining as he pursues the record of 257 set by George Sisler in 1920.

Clayton Kershaw (2-4) allowed three hits in eight innings and Scott Atchison pitched the ninth as the Mariners stopped Texas, which began the day tied with Anaheim two games behind AL West leader Oakland.

Beck, who threw 114 pitches in just his fifth major league start, escaped a two-on-jam in the eighth when he threw a called third strike past Hank Blalock.

No. 9 hitter Jose Lopez was 2-for-3 with four RBIs for the Mariners (60-95), who took two of three for the second time in a week to win consecutive games for the first time since the first week of May.

Ryan Drese (14-9) had won his three previous starts and had a 2.87 ERA at home but gave up six runs and nine hits in 4½ innings.

Season hit leaders

Through Sept. 25

Player	Year	No.
1. George Sisler	1920	257
2. Bill Terry	1930	254
3. Lenny Dykstra	1992	254
4. Al Simmons	1922	253
5. Ichiro Suzuki	2004	251
6. Rogers Hornsby	1920	250
7. Chuck Klein	1930	248
8. Ty Cobb	1911	248
9. George Sisler	1922	246
10. Ichiro Suzuki	2001	242

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NFL's true lions are from Philly

Eagles maul Detroit, show they're the team to beat in NFC

BY LARRY LAGE
The Associated Press

DETROIT — After falling a game short of the Super Bowl the past three years, the Philadelphia Eagles seem to have the swagger and talent they've been missing.

Donovan McNabb threw for 356 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a score, Terrell Owens caught six passes for 107 yards and a TD and Jevon Kearse had three sacks to lead Philadelphia to a 30-13 victory over the Detroit Lions.

In a game between unbeaten, the Eagles made a resounding statement.

And with a championship-or-bust mentality, Philadelphia is not satisfied with its first 3-0 start since 1993.

"We haven't played our best — and that's exciting," McNabb said.

Rookie receiver Roy Williams had nine receptions for 135 yards and two TDs — for the second straight week — for the Lions, who had a chance to go 3-0 for the first time since 1980.

Other than games to avoid or end futility records, the Lions played in their biggest matchup since the 2000 finale, when they lost to Chicago and fell to 9-7 and out of the playoffs. That setback led to the hiring of president and general manager Matt Millen and coach Marty Mornhinweg, now Philadelphia's assistant head coach.

"Now our guys can see what a championship-caliber team is like," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said. "We've got a way to go."

McNabb frustrated Detroit early and often.

Midway through the first quarter, he slipped a sack and moved around the pocket long enough to



Detroit Lions quarterback Joey Harrington (3) fumbles as Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Jevon Kearse, left, watches in the first quarter in Detroit on Sunday. Eagles cornerback Roderick Hood recovered the ball. The Eagles won 30-13, handing the Lions their first loss of the season.

find a wide-open L.J. Smith to convert a third down. The electric play, which McNabb made look routine, was merely a preview.

"When you make a play like that, it throws a defense off," McNabb said.

McNabb's jaw-dropping play kept an 88-yard drive going. It ended with his 1-yard sneak, giving Philadelphia a 7-0 lead. His 29-yard pass to Owens and 1-yard pass to Mike Bartrum put the Eagles ahead 21-0 midway through the second quarter.

"They got out on us early, which was our worst-case scenario," Mariucci said.

Detroit crossed the 50 for the first time with 52 seconds left in the first half on Williams' 18-yard catch.

Then Joey Harrington went to Williams on three straight plays, including a 12-yard TD. Williams caught four passes for 63 yards on the 64-yard drive that gave Detroit a glimmer of hope.

David Akers put the Lions

away with field goals on the Eagles' first two possessions in the second half, and added another field goal early in the fourth quarter.

"We were able to start fast, but we didn't finish as fast as I'd like," Philadelphia coach Andy Reid said.

Williams added to his highlight reel with a spinning, tackle-breaking 29-yard TD midway through the fourth quarter, but Detroit trailed 30-13 after a missed 21-point conversion.

"Roy was a bright spot," Mariucci said. "He was terrific after the catch on several occasions, but we didn't get any big plays other than Roy's."

Harrington was 21-for-38 for 199 yards with two TDs.

McNabb's sixth NFL season is looking like it might be his best.

He fell just 34 yards short of his career high, a 390-yard game in 2000 against Cleveland, and surpassed his 330-yard performance in this year's opening win over the Giants.

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